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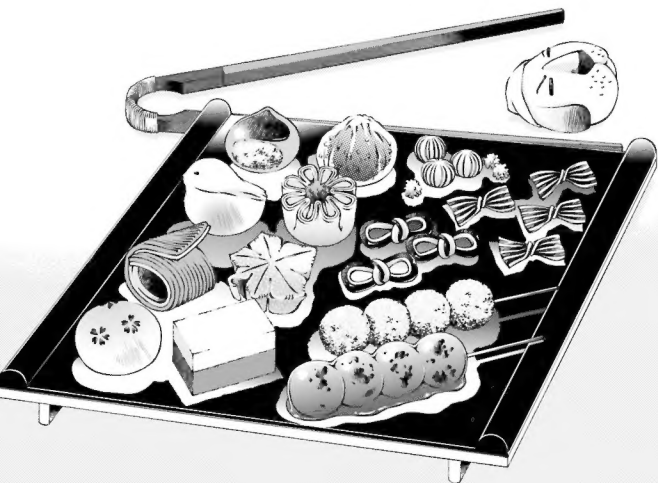
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The Tale of Three Kingdoms and God's Holiday





DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...

WITH HEAVY
RAIN AND A
FLASH FLOOD
WARNING IN
EFFECT, THE
STUDENTS OF
AME NO KISAKI
ARE ALL STUCK
IN THEIR DORMS.

DUDE, IT'S
RAINING LIKE
CRAZY!!

SSSSHHHHHHHH

YES.

YEAH,
SERIOUSLY.

EVEN IF
THEY HADN'T
GIVE US A
CURFEW, I
DOUBT ANYONE
WOULD GO
OUTSIDE
IN THIS
WEATHER.

ALTHOUGH I
BELIEVE THE
SAYING IS
"IT'S RAINING
CATS AND
DOGS!" IT IS
NOT, "DUDE,
IT'S RAINING
LIKE CRAZY."



THIS
GYOKURO
GREEN TEA
IS REALLY
FIRST-CLASS.

...WHY DID
EVERYONE
DECIDE TO
CROWD INTO
MY ROOM?

SIGH...

WEEELL, IT
WOULD BE A
WASTE FOR
SHIDOU-SAN TO
KEEP ALL THESE
WONDERFUL
SNACKS TO
HERSELF.

THAT'S
ALL WELL
AND GOOD,
BUT...



I HAVE
AN IDEA
THAT'LL
LIFT YOUR
SPIRITS
FOR SURE!

DON'T
FEEL
BAD!

MLUNCH

FLASH

STIIIIILL,
ALL OF THIS
THUNDER AND
LIGHTNING HAS
ME ON PINS
AND NEEDLES.

EVEN THIS
DELICIOUS
NERIKIRI ISN'T
ENOUGH TO
CALM MY
NERVESSSSS.

MLUNCH

PAOLA
MAGNANNI
FROM
CLASS 3-E
MADE IT!

LET'S PLAY
THE ROMANCE
OF THE THREE
KINGDOMS
CARD GAME:
WARLORDS
EDITION!

三國志
武将編



WELL,
WHATEVER.
I GUESS IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.

IT'S NOT LIKE
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS OR
ITALIANS MAKING
CARD GAMES
ABOUT CHINESE
HISTORY IS REALLY
THE ISSUE HERE.

I MEAN, I'M MORE
CURIOUS AS TO WHY
YOU WERE CARRYING IT
WITH YOU IN THE FIRST
PLACE. YOU STRIKE ME
AS MORE OF A "SAMURAI"
KIND OF GIRL. NOT THAT
THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG
WITH BEING INTO CHINESE
WARLORDS OR ANYTHING.
BUT IS THERE REALLY A
MARKET FOR THIS KIND
OF THING?

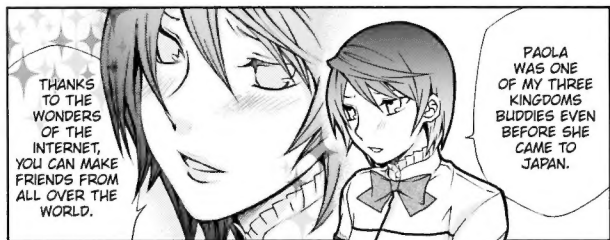
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OH...
SINCE YOU
HAVEN'T BEEN
HERE FOR LONG,
YOU PROBABLY
DON'T KNOW
ABOUT PAOLA.

THREE
KING-
DOMS...

...WHAT?

SHE
WAS OUR
EXCHANGE
STUDENT
FROM
ITALY.





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SSSSHHHHHHHHHHH...

I KNOW!
ISN'T
TECHNOLOGY
GREAT?!

...BUT IT'S
REALLY
JUST A
BUNCH OF
GEEKS ON
THE INTERNET
TALKING ABOUT
SOME CHINESE
HISTORICAL
NOVEL.

THIS
SOUNDS
HEART-
WARMING
AND ALL...

HUH? WAS
SHE READING
MY MIND?

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WHAT IF... PERCHANCE... ONE OF THE PLAYERS DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE THREE KINGDOMS?

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ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?!

NATURALLY.

EVERYONE
KNOWS
ABOUT
THE THREE
KINGDOMS.

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.

HYAN!!

EVEN
THE
DOG?!



BUT I'D
REALLY BE
TORN
BETWEEN
ZHANG HONG,
CAO REN,
TAISHI CI.

I WOULD
GO WITH GUO
JIA, XUN YU,
LU SU, ZHUGE
LIANG, MI ZHU,
LU XUN AND MA
CHAO FOR SURE.

HOW
ABOUT THIS,
KANAKO-KUN...
IF YOU BUILT
A COUNTRY,
WHICH TEN
WARLORDS
WOULD YOU
CHOOSE?

I also like
Zhou Yu, but I wouldn't want to
separate him from Sun
Ce. Also, I'm taking
Zhuge Liang and Mi Zhu
not because of their
strength, but because
I don't want Shu to be
too powerful.

Although maybe
I should leave
Zhuge Liang alone,
so that the fight
with Zhurong
in the southern
expedition would
play out the
same...

AT ANY RATE,
I WOULD
ABSOLUTELY
HAVE TO HAVE
ZHANG ZHAO AS
MY BUTLER.

WHOA,
SHE'S
HARDCORE!

HMMM...

IN A
TRANCE

ALTHOUGH
TO BE FAIR,
I HAVE TO
ADMIT I'M NOT
ESPECIALLY
FOND OF
THE THREE
KINGDOMS,
MYSELF.

BUT
WHETHER
YOU'RE
INTERESTED
OR NOT, IT'S
ALWAYS GOOD
TO HAVE A
WELL-ROUNDED
EDUCATION.

It's a
part of
history,
after all.

WELL,
THAT
SOUNDS A
BIT MORE
REASONABLE,
I GUESS...





QUITE
RIGHT,
ISHIMA-
SAAAAN!

I'M
SORRY,
KANAKO-
KUN.

PERHAPS WE
SHOULD PLAY
A GAME A BIT
MORE SUITED
TO KANAKO-
SAN'S TASTES.

I SHOULD'VE
TAKEN YOU INTO
CONSIDERATION
BEFORE I
SUGGESTED
THAT GAME.



ANYWAY, IT'S A
FAN-SERVICE
CARD-MATCHING
GAME. PERFECT,
RIIIIGHT?

DID I SAY
"CONFISCATED"?
I MEANT
"BORROWED."

I
CONFISCATED
THIS FROM
TAMARU-SAN
IN ROOM
207.

Like
that!



THEN
I THINK
I'LL
"DON'T
MIND
YOU."

OH
R-RIGHT...
AN
HONEST
MISTAKE.



WHY AM
I STILL
HEARING
HER
VOICE
IN MY
HEAD?

HUH?
THAT'S
WEIRD.

LANGUAGE
SHOULD
BE USED
PROPERLY,
YOU KNOW?

ANYWAY,
IT WAS AN
HONEST
MISTAKE.
DON'T MIND
ME.



JEEZ,
EVERONE
CAN READ
MY MIND
THESE
DAYS!

READ
YOUR
MIND?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEEEEEAN?

WHAT KIND
OF TASTES
DO YOU
THINK I
HAVE, GOD?

OH?

DID I SAY
SOMETHING
WRONG, MY
DEAR?

CAT GIRL 猫耳っ娘



AND JUST TO AVOID
CONFUSION, THE
BACKGROUNDS OF
THE MATCHING
CARDS ARE
THE SAME.

THAT WAY,
EVEN IF YOU'VE
NEVER PLAYED
BEFORE, IT'S
SUUUUUUPER
EASY.



WOW!
THAT'S WHAT
I CALL "USER
FRIENDLY"!

DOG BOY
犬耳っ男



I ALSO HAVE
A CARD GAME
WE COULD TRY.

HOUSE
MOTHER...



メイドさん
MAID

NOW...

ALL YOU NEED
TO DO IS MATCH
TWO CARDS
THAT ARE FACING
DOWN. EACH
SET CONSISTS
OF A MALE AND
FEMALE PAIR.

執事さん
BUTLER

学ラン
GAKURAN

セーラー服
SAILOR UNIFORM

DANGLE

DANGLE

BASICALLY,
IT'S THE SAME
AS A MEMORY
GAAAAAME.





"PENAL
CODE
SECOND
EDITION."

IT'S
"LEARNING
FUN TIME:
THE SIX
MAJOR
LAWS."

REALLY,
I DON'T
KNOW
WHERE
YOU GET
THIS
STUFF
FROM!

I'M NOT ON
THE EDGE!
I'M IN MY
COMFORT
ZONE!!

I'M SURPRISED
THAT SOMEONE
WHO LIVES ON
THE EDGE LIKE
YOU DOESN'T
HAVE ONE AS
WELL.

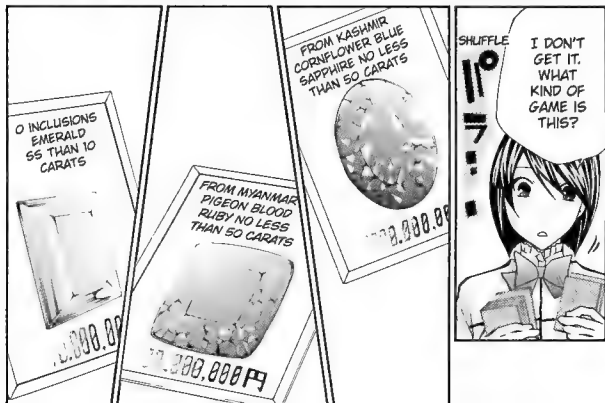
WHY DOES
EVERYONE
HAVE THEIR
OWN CARD
GAME?!

WHAT MAKES
THE PENAL
CODE SECOND
EDITION
SPECIAL IS
THAT IT COMES
WITH AN AUDIO
CD AS WELL!

THAT WAY,
YOU CAN
PLAY AND
LEARN,
EVEN IF YOU
DON'T HAVE
FRIENDS
AROUND!

EVERYONE
SHOULD STUDY
LAW IN SOME
FORM OR
ANOTHER.

OTHERWISE,
YOU MIGHT
END UP BEING
VICTIMIZED OR
PROSECUTED.





HOW CUTE,
YONAKUNI-
SAN! ARE
THOSE ESP
CAAAARDS?

HYAN!!

Another
peaceful
day...

LET'S SEE...
WHAT SHALL
I SNACK ON
NEEEEXT?

NO NEED TO
OVERREACT,
KANAKO-
KUN.

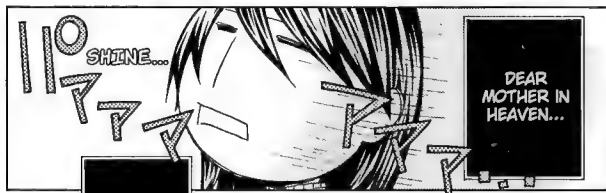
HA
HA
HA

Aaargh!

WHY DO
I ALWAYS
GET LEFT
OUT?!

THAT'S IT!
I'M GONNA
MAKE MY OWN
CARD GAME,
JUST YOU
WAIT!





CHIRP
CHIRP

ALL RIIGHT
EVERYONE,
TIME FOR
LUNCH!

AFTER THAT,
IT'S OFF
TO YOUR
CLASSES,
OKAAAAAY?

YES,
MA'AM...

AME
NO
KISAKI
GIRLS'
DORMITORY
NUMBER
TWO

天の妃第二女子寮

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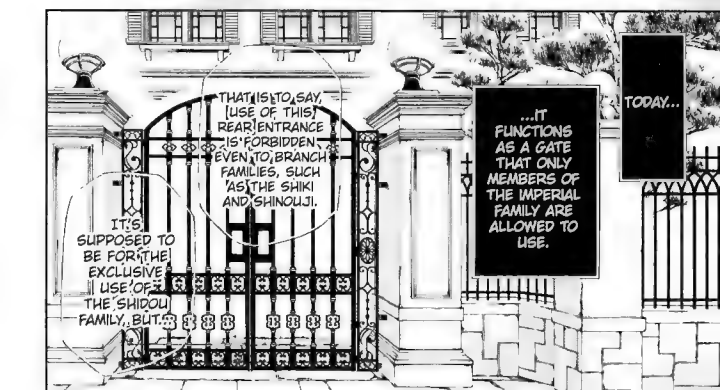


HANZOMON

A GATE
NAMED AFTER
HATTORI
HANZO, THE
HEAD OF
SECURITY AT
EDO CASTLE.

IT WAS
THE BACK
GATE
PLACED
OPPOSITE
TO THE
MAIN GATE,
OTEMON.

IT
PROVIDED
THE
SHOGUN
WITH AN
ESCAPE
ROUTE IN
CASE OF
EMERGENCY.

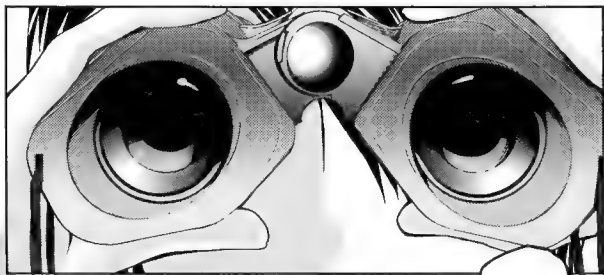


TODAY...

...IT
FUNCTIONS
AS A GATE
THAT ONLY
MEMBERS OF
THE IMPERIAL
FAMILY ARE
ALLOWED TO
USE.

THAT IS TO SAY,
[USE OF THIS]
REAR ENTRANCE
IS FORBIDDEN,
EVEN TO BRANCH
FAMILIES, SUCH
AS THE SHIKI
AND SHINOBUJI.

IT'S
SUPPOSED TO
BE FOR THE
EXCLUSIVE
USE OF
THE SHIDOU
FAMILY, BUT...





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Shizu is Mariya and
Mariya is Shizu and...





KA-CHAK



IT'S BEEN
A WHILE,
HASN'T IT?



WELCOME
HOME.

MARIYA,
MATSURIKA.





I ASSUME
YOU
BROUGHT
THE
PAPERS
WITH YOU?

SO...

RUSTLE

BUT IT'S
GOOD TO
SEE YOU,
SHIZU...
AND RINDOU
AS WELL.

THAT
IT
HAS.



THRUST

ROUND
ONE...
FIGHT!



HERE,
SHIZU-
SAMA.

RINDOU?

YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW
LONG I'VE
WAITED
FOR THIS
MOMENT.

NATU-
RALLY.

STAND



RIGHT
BACK AT
YOU!!

THAT'S
THE
SPIRIT!

THERE
ARE NO
TEARS
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD!



HOW CAN I BE SHORTER THAN YOU?! I'M THE OLDER BROTHER! THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!! IT MUST BE A MISTAKE!

NO WAY!

LOOKS LIKE I WIN THIS ROLIND!

AA
HA
HAI



SHOCK

WHA...
?!

1年 A組	YEAR ONE ROOM A
名前 祇堂鞠也	NAME: SHIDOU MARIYA

HEIGHT: 身長	160
WEIGHT: 体重	

YEAR ONE ROOM B	NAME: SHIDOU SHIZU
年 B組	祇堂静

160.3 cm



SHIZU-SAMA IS HEAVIER BY...

RINDOU!!

JUST LIKE THERE'S A DEFINITE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR WEIGHT, RIGHT?

Don't feel bad. It's normal for girls to put on weight at this age.

おんなは 年々 太るものだ。

*TSUNDERE: WHEN A PERSON ACTS TOUGH ON THE OUTSIDE BUT ACTUALLY IS A SUPER-SOFTY ON THE INSIDE.

Tch! W

IT'S ONLY THREE MILLIMETERS. THAT'S WELL WITHIN THE MARGIN OF ERROR!!

D-DON'T LET IT GET TO YOUR HEAD!



BUT STILL...

THREE MILLIMETERS IS A DEFINITE DIFFERENCE!

COME ON, BIG BROTHER. DON'T YOU GET SICK OF PULLING THAT *TSUNDERE ACT ALL THE TIME?

はは
HA
HA



FAIR
ENOUGH,
BIG
BROTHER.

I'D SAY WE
WERE EVENLY
HUMILIATED,
LITTLE
SISTER.

HAH

CLUG CLUG CLUG

HOW
QUAINT.

BRING
IT ON!

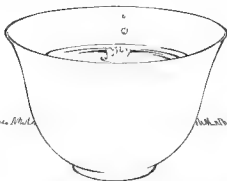
OKAY,
ROUND
TWO!

THEY'RE
LIKE LITTLE
BOYS
PLAYING
WITH YU-
OH CARDS.

"MIDTERM
EXAM
SCORE"!!

ISN'T IT
STRANGE,
MATSURIKA?
YOU AND I
ARE TWINS AS
WELL, BUT WE
DON'T LOOK A
THING ALIKE.

NOT ONLY
ARE THEY
(ESSENTIALLY)
THE SAME
HEIGHT, THEY
LOOK EXACTLY
THE SAME, TOO.



LOOK AT ME! I HAVE AN AURA OF SUBLIME ELEGANCE!

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND SHIZU IS LIKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PHOENIX AND AN EMPTY CICADA SHELL!

HOW DARE YOU PUT ME AND SHIZU IN THE SAME CATEGORY?

I THINK IT WOULD BE PRETTY GROTESQUE TO LOOK THE SAME AFTER TEN OR TWENTY YEARS, DON'T YOU?

IT'S GROTESQUE ENOUGH AS IT IS NOW.

HEY, I CAN HEAR YOU!

SUCH...

I KNOW YOU'RE INTO SURVIVAL GAMES, BUT WHERE DID YOU GET A REAL GUN?

LOOK WHO'S TALKING!

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO GROW UP A BIT, MARIYA-SAMA?

Behind Shizu's back...

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE YOU TALKING TO ONLINE?!

You can't play survival games with a real gun.

SADLY, I HAVEN'T HAD AN OCCASION TO USE IT.

IT'S A GIFT FROM A FRIEND ONLINE.

HE SAID IT WAS TIME FOR ME TO GRADUATE TO THE REAL THING.

WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT OUT ON MY BIG BROTHER?

Our masters are such troublemakers.

まーの
うんやん
御主人様

YOU'RE
POINTING
A GUN
AT
MY HEAD
AND SAYING
I'M THE
DANGEROUS
ONE?!

YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT? I
MEAN, YOU
REALIZE
THE IRONY
OF THAT
STATEMENT?

YOU
SHOULDN'T
SAY SUCH
DANGEROUS
THINGS.

AT LEAST
TURN
IT OFF
BEFORE
THE
CEREMONY.

A CELL
PHONE?

CLICK

RIGHT.

I'VE NEVER
SEEN SUCH
IMPERTINENT
SERVANTS IN
MY LIFE!

YOU MAY
NOT LOOK
THE SAME
BUT YOU
SURE
DO ACT
ALIKE.

REALLY?
I THINK
IT'S ALL
IN YOUR
HEAD.

ANYWAY,
IT SEEMS
I'VE
CAUGHT
A RAT IN
MY TRAP.

CLAK

HUH?
What do
you mean?

RING
RING

OH?

IT'S
TOTALLY
GINOR-
MOUS.

IT REEKS
OF BOUR-
GEOISE.

THAT
SADISTIC,
PAMPERED
BRAT!

WELL,
PUTTING
MY
BURNING
ENVY
ASIDE
FOR A
MOMENT...

LET ME
EXPLAIN
WHAT
BROUGHT
ME TO
THIS
PLACE.

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

RUSTLE

SPROING

DEAR
MOTHER
IN
HEAVEN...

YOUR DEAR
DAUGHTER
HAS FINALLY
INFILTRATED
THE EVIL
LORD'S
MANSION.



...MARIYA
HAS BEEN
ACTING
STRANGE.

EVER
SINCE HE
GOT SOME
LETTER
FROM THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT...



I SHOULD
BE
RELIEVED,
BUT IT'S
KIND OF
SCARY!

YOU'RE
NOT
GONNA
YELL AT
ME?!

YES,
OF
COURSE.

WILL
YOU
POUR
ME
ANOTHER
CUP?

LIKE THIS
MORNING...
I ACCIDENTALLY
DRANK HIS TEA
INSTEAD OF
MINE, BUT...

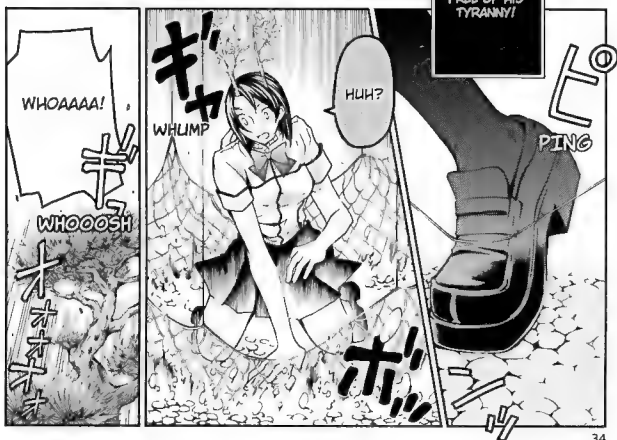
LIKE...
IMPORTANT
ENOUGH TO
DECIDE
THE FATE
OF OUR
COUNTRY
IMPORTANT.

WHATEVER
IT SAYS
MUST BE
REALLY
IMPORTANT.

A LETTER
WITH THE
POWER TO
CHANGE THAT
DEVIL INTO
A NORMAL,
MILD-
MANNERED
CROSS-
DRESSER...

THIS
IS MY
CHANCE!!









...BUT TO
ME, IT'S A
BATTLEFIELD.

IT MIGHT
JUST BE
A BUNCH
OF
BUSHES
TO YOU,
MARIYA-
SAMA...

STOP
MAKING
ALLUSIONS
TO
SURVIVAL
GAMES.

I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
WHAT I'M
SUPPOSED
TO SAY TO
THAT.

AT ANY
RATE,
STOP
SETTING
TRAPS
AROUND
MY
HOUSE.

OUR
GARDENER
MIGHT
GET
HURT.



I NEVER
THOUGHT I
WOULD CATCH
AN INTRUDER.

NOT SUCH
A BAD
CONSO-
LATION
PRIZE.

I SET
THAT TRAP
IN THE
HOPES OF
CAPTURING
YOU IN IT
SOMEDAY,
MARIYA-
SAMA.



M.F.B.F!!

MY FAVORITE
BATTLE
FIELD!

DON'T GIVE
IT A TITLE,
EITHER!!

AND
DON'T
GIVE
IT AN
ACRONYM,
EITHER!

I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT IF SOMEONE COULD... Y'KNOW... LIBERATE ME.

I'M KIND OF IN A PATHETIC STATE RIGHT NOW.

UHM... SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU GUYS, BUT...

DAMMIT, NOT AGAIN!

CURSES! I ALMOST HAD YOU!

THAT REMINDS ME... YOU TWO WERE ALWAYS SETTING UP TRAPS FOR EACH OTHER, WEREN'T YOU?

EVER SINCE YOU WERE KIDS.

RINDOU... I THINK THE WAR HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH.

*TAKAHASHI MEIJIN SAID TO LIMIT SURVIVAL GAMES TO ONE HOUR A DAY, REMEMBER?

YES, BUT YOU CAN'T WIN A WAR IN JUST ONE HOUR.

DON'T IGNORE MEEEEEE!

*TAKAHASHI MEIJIN IS A CELEBRITY WHO WAS FAMOUS FOR PUSHING BUTTONS AT LIGHTNING SPEED ON VIDEO GAME CONTROLLERS.



I'M A
GUEST,
GET IT?
A V.I.P.!

V.I.P.
STANDS
FOR "VERY
IMPORTANT
PERSON,"
REMEMBER?

SHOW
SOME
COMMON
COURTESY!

THAT MEANS
I'M ENTITLED
TO A CUP OF
TEA AT THE
VERY LEAST!



MARIYA!

AS
YOU
WISH.

GYOKURA-
AUGGH!

SPLASH

IT WAS
POLITE OF
YOU TO
OFFER HER
WARM TEA
INSTEAD OF
COLD, BUT
I THINK THE
GESTURE
WAS
WASTED!

HOW
COULD YOU
DO SUCH A
THING?!



I ASSUME
YOU'RE AWARE
THAT ENTERING
PRIVATE
PROPERTY
WITHOUT
PERMISSION IS
A CRIME?

DEPEND-
ING ON
YOUR
ANSWER
...

...I MAY
HAVE TO
TAKE YOU TO
THE PROPER
AUTHORITIES.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
IN MY
HOUSE?

I DON'T
RECALL
INVITING
YOU HERE,
MS. V.I.P.

NOW...

ARE YOU
LISTENING
TO ME,
MARIYA?!



...WAS
RUNNING
AN
ERRAND
AND...

I
UH...

WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
FACE?

IS HE MAD?

UM...

HUH?



DID I HIT
A SORE
SPOT OR
SOMETHING?

SOMETHING
ISN'T RIGHT.
HIS FACE
IS REALLY
SERIOUS,
BUT HE ISN'T
MOCKING ME
LIKE USUAL!





HUH?

MOURNING?!

KNOCK
KNOCK

SHIZU-SAN,
AND
SHIDOU-SAN
AS WELL.

≠ CREAK...

THE
CEREMONY
IS ABOUT
TO—







EH?

...AS
A STUDENT,
YOU HAVE
A RIGHT TO
BE HERE
AS WELL.

SINCE WE'RE
HONORING
THE LATE
HEADMISTRESS
OF AME NO
KISAKI...

...CATHOLICS
HAVE THIS
THING CALLED
"ASCENSION
DAY" TO
CELEBRATE
JESUS'
ASCENSION
TO HEAVEN.

FROM
WHAT I
GATHER...



THE LATE
HEADMISTRESS?
SHE MUST
MEAN MARIYA'S
GRANDMOTHER.

HUH?

BUT IN
THIS CASE,
THEY'RE
HAVING
A MASS
ON THE
ANNIVERSARY
OF SOMEONE
ELSE'S
ASCENSION
TO HEAVEN.



MEMORIAL
...

MASS?



Huh?!
Oh, uh...

はあ!!
こいあ

とがね
なまけ
は
ふんてい
せん.

By the way,
what's with
the net?

THEY HOLD
SIMILAR
CEREMONIES
THREE DAYS,
ONE WEEK AND
ONE MONTH
AFTER THE
PERSON'S
DEATH...



I'M GONNA
PRETEND
I DON'T SEE
THE GUY
BEHIND THEM,
THOUGH.

OH!
THERE'S MISS
TEDDYBEAR
AND NURSE
TONOMURA!

...BUT THE
ONE YEAR
ANNIVERSARY
IS THE
BIGGEST
BY FAR.

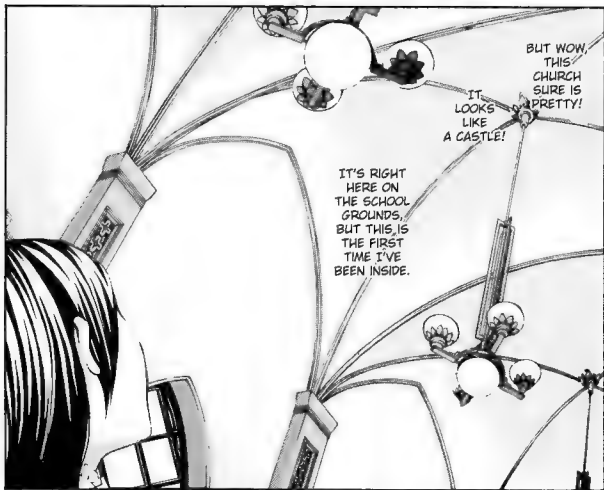




THIS
IS SO
EMBARRASSING

I'M
THE ONLY
ONE IN
A REGULAR
UNIFORM.

IT'S NO
SURPRISE,
BUT
EVERYONE
HERE IS
WEARING
BLACK



BUT WOW,
THIS
CHURCH
SURE IS
PRETTY!
IT
LOOKS
LIKE
A CASTLE!

IT'S RIGHT
HERE ON
THE SCHOOL
GROUNDS,
BUT THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
BEEN INSIDE.



GET IT TOGETHER
KANAKO!
YOU CAN'T HAVE
DIRTY THOUGHTS
DURING MASS!

No!!

Day Dreaming...

WHAT A PERFECT
PLACE TO
PLEDGE YOUR
ETERNAL LOVE!
HOW ROMANTIC!

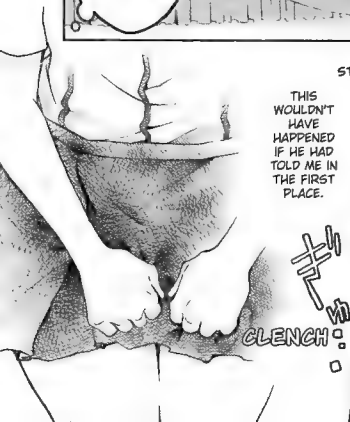
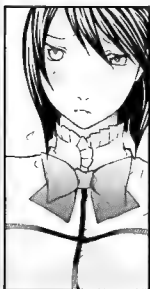


SO
THAT'S
IT.

MARIYA WAS
DOWN BECAUSE
THIS IS THE
ANNIVERSARY
OF HIS
GRANDMOTHER'S
DEATH.

BUT WHY IS
HER NAME
"IRENE"?
WAS SHE
A FOREIGNER?
DOES THAT
MEAN MARIYA
IS A QUARTER
WHITE?

THAT
WOULD
EXPLAIN
THE
BLONDE
HAIR...



STILL...

THIS
WOULDN'T
HAVE
HAPPENED
IF HE HAD
TOLD ME IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.

Ff
CLENCH
□



SO MAYBE
THAT LETTER
I WAS AN
INVITATION
TO THE
MASS?

I HAD NO IDEA!
I FEEL BAD FOR
PUSHING MY
WAY INTO THIS.



WHAT WAS IT
LIKE WHEN MY
MOTHER DIED?

AH, RIGHT...

MY TWO
SISTERS
JUST KEPT
CRYING AND
CRYING.



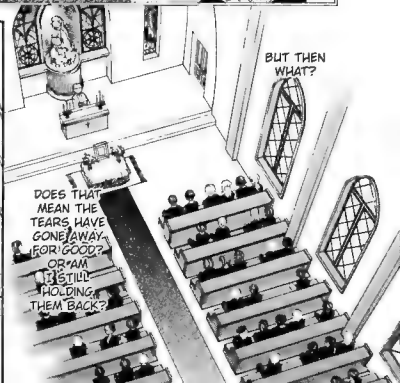
AND ONCE
I SAW HOW SAD
MY DAD WAS!
I COULDN'T CRY...
I HAD TO BE
STRONG.

I KEPT
MISSING
MY CHANCE
FOR THE
TEARS TO
COME FOR
ME.



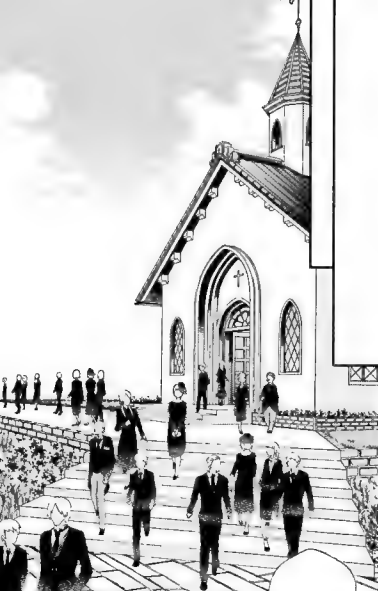
I WONDER
IF MARIYA
CRIED?

WAS HE
ABLE TO
CRY?



BUT THEN
WHAT?

DOES THAT
MEAN THE
TEARS HAVE
GONE AWAY
FOR GOOD?
OR AM I
STILL
HOLDING
THEM BACK?



IS THERE
ANYONE
WHO HE
FEELS
LIKE HE
CAN CRY
AROUND?



MIYAMAE-
SAN...?



HELLO.

OH, IT
IS YOU!
I THOUGHT
SO!

HI, MISS
TEDDYBEAR.

HI, NURSE
TONOMURA.





I, UH, GUESS
YOU COULD
SAY I SORT
OF "FELL INTO"
THIS...

I WAS
SURPRISED
TO SEE SOMEONE
IN THEIR SCHOOL
UNIFORM, SINCE
WE'RE HOLDING
A SEPARATE
SERVICE FOR
THE STUDENTS.

HOW DID
YOU FIND
OUT ABOUT
THIS? DID
SHIDOU-SAN
INVITE YOU?



BUT I'M
STILL GLAD
I CAME.

I WAS FINALLY
ABLE TO SEE
THE HEAD-
MISTRESS'S
FACE, AND—

DDD



宮前
くん
だ!!

Oh! It's
Miyamae-kun!!



SORRY,
I NEVER PAID
ATTENTION
SINCE OLD
LADIES ARE
OUT OF MY
TARGET
RANGE.

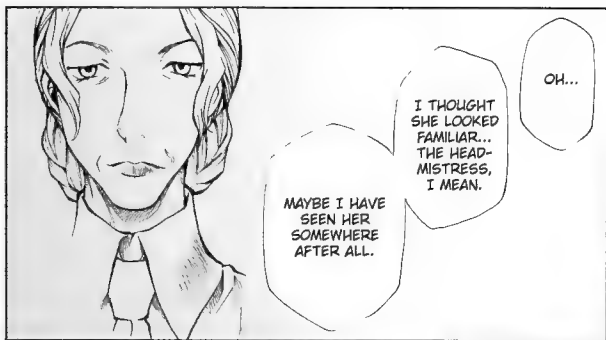
THE
BROCHURES?
OH, UH...
REALLY?

HUH? SHE'S
ON ALL THE
SCHOOL
BROCHURES.
YOU REALLY
HADN'T SEEN
HER BEFORE?

No!

NEVER
MIND!!

WHAT?



OH...

I THOUGHT
SHE LOOKED
FAMILIAR...
THE HEAD-
MISTRESS,
I MEAN.

MAYBE I HAVE
SEEN HER
SOMEWHERE
AFTER ALL.



SHE HAS
SUCH
A WARM,
KIND FACE.

SOMEHOW,
IT GIVES ME
A REALLY
NOSTALGIC
FEELING.

I FEEL LIKE
I'VE SEEN
THIS CHURCH
BEFORE,
TOO.



KIND OF...

...A SHAME?



IT'S KIND OF A SHAME, THOUGH.

I GUESS THAT'S NO SURPRISE. YOU WERE JUST IN GRADE SCHOOL SCHOOL BACK THEN.



MAYBE YOU SAW THE CHURCH THEN.

YOU'VE BEEN TO AME NO KISAKI BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?



Hey

ARE YOU GOING TO THE SAWAKAI, MIYAMAE-SAN?

LET'S MOVE THIS CONVERSATION SOMEWHERE ELSE, SHALL WE?

...LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT.

IT'S STRANGE. I FEEL LIKE...

I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER, THOUGH.

MAYBE SO.



WE SIT TOGETHER, DRINK SOME TEA AND SHARE MEMORIES OF THE DECEASED. DO YOU WANT TO COME?

IT'S A SORT OF TEA PARTY HELD AFTER THE MASS.

SAWA-WHAT?



I'M SORRY.

I'M NOT SURE...

I THINK MIYAMAE-SAN IS TRYING TO SAY THAT SHE'D LIKE TO PASS.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE DONE TOO MUCH ALREADY...

AH...





I'M JUST
CONFUSED.

I'M
ACTUALLY
GLAD YOU
DECLINED
THE
OFFER
FOR ME.



OH... I'M
SORRY...

DID YOU
WANT TO
GO TO THE
SAWAKAI
AFTER
ALL?

N-NO, NOT
EXACTLY.



HUH?

IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?

AH...
WELL...

I MEAN,
WHAT
YOU JUST
SAID...
I...



HUH?

AYARIN'S
FAMILY IS
A BRANCH OF
THE SHIDOU
FAMILY.



PANDA-
CHANG事件

AND SINCE
I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN FRIENDS
WITH AYARIN...

...I'VE WOUND
UP SEEING
MARIYA AND
HER BROTHER
A LOT AS
WELL.





I CAN'T
SAY WE'RE
CLOSE OR
ANYTHING...

BUT EVEN
FROM AFAR,
IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN
OBVIOUS.

THE TWO
OF THEM
LOVED THE
HEADMISTRESS
WITH ALL OF
THEIR HEARTS.



I, UH,
GUESS
YOU
COULD
SAY
I SORT
OF "FELL
INTO"
THIS...

I WAS
SURPRISED
TO SEE
SOMEONE
IN THEIR
SCHOOL
UNIFORM,
SINCE WE'RE
HOLDING
A SEPARATE
SERVICE
FOR THE
STUDENTS.

OH!!!

SHE
MUST'VE
OVERHEARD
US...

THAT'S
ALL.

I'M SORRY
FOR
BUTTING
IN.

I KNOW THAT
MARIYA IS YOUR
ROOMMATE,
BUT WHEN YOU
SAID YOU JUST
"FELL INTO"
THE MEMORIAL
SERVICE...

...I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
BEING A BIT
INSENSITIVE
TO HER
FEELINGS.



NO WAY!
I'D RATHER
GET TO KNOW
YOU OR
SHIZU-SAN
BETTER!

WELL,
YOU ARE
ROOMMATES
AFTER ALL.

N-NO NO!
YOU'VE GOT
IT ALL
WRONG!

HOW CUTE!
YOU WANT
TO BE
CLOSER TO
MARIYA-CHAN?

IT'S ONLY
NATURAL
THAT YOU
WOULD
WANT TO
KNOW MORE
ABOUT EACH
OTHER.

OH?
ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
SHIZU-KUN,
MIYAMAE-SAN?

WHAAA
?!

WHAT?!!

I MEAN IT IS
LIKE THAT, AND
SHIZU-SAN IS
REALLY CUTE,
BUT...

NO, IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT!

NO,
I UNDER-
STAND.

BUT JUST
BECAUSE
I DON'T HAVE
ANY INTEREST
IN MEN DOESN'T
MEAN I...
I...

YOU CAN
TALK TO ME
ABOUT IT.

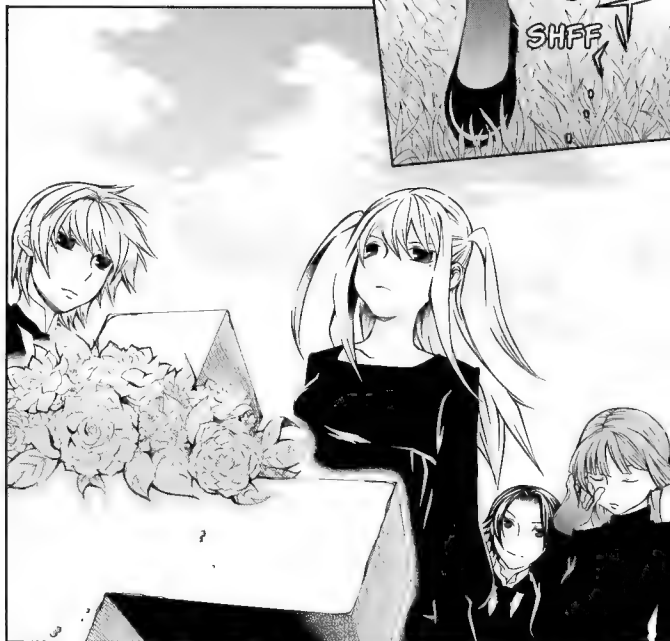


IF YOU WANT
TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT MARIYA-CHAN
OR SHIZU-KUN
OR THEIR
GRANDMOTHER
OR ANYTHING...

....JUST ASK
ME AND I'LL
TELL YOU
EVERYTHING
I KNOW.



HUH...?



M A R I A H O L I C

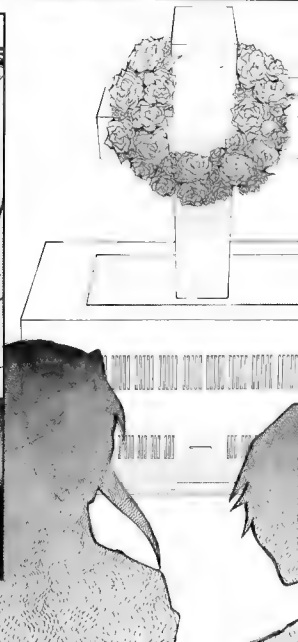
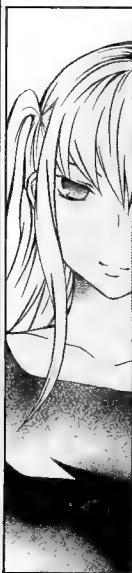
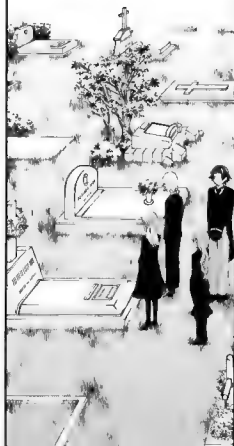
MARIA + HOLIC

M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

HEY.

WE CAME
TO PAY YOU
A VISIT,
GRANNY.



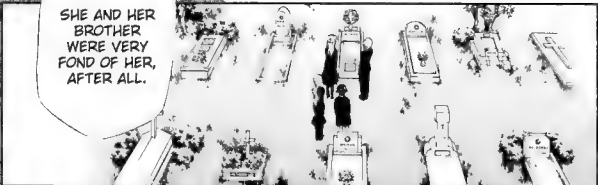


SHE'S
PROBABLY
VISITING
IRENE-SAMA.

NO, NEVER
MIND. IT'S
NOTHING.



BY THE WAY,
I DON'T SEE
SHIDOU-KUN.
IS SOMETHING
WRONG?



SHE AND HER
BROTHER
WERE VERY
FOND OF HER,
AFTER ALL.



...AND
THIS ONE
IS MARIYA,
RIGHT?



THIS ONE
MUST BE
SHIZU...





...AND
SHIZU.

MARIYA...

IT'S
GETTING
WINDY.

LET'S
HEAD BACK
TO THE
MANSION,
SHALL WE?



EVEN IF
YOU LOOK
ALIKE, YOUR
EXPRESSIONS
AND MANNER-
ISMS ARE STILL
DIFFERENT.

LOOK, EVEN
THE WAY YOU
TAKE OFF
YOUR MAKEUP
IS DIFFERENT.



SEE? YOU
TWO ARE
BOTH
UNIQUE!

RUB

WIPE

RUB

WIPE



Whoa?!?

I JUST
KNOW.

I AM YOUR
GRANDMOTHER
AFTER ALL.

WE EVEN
SWITCHED OUR
BIRTHMARKS!
HOW DID YOU
KNOW?!



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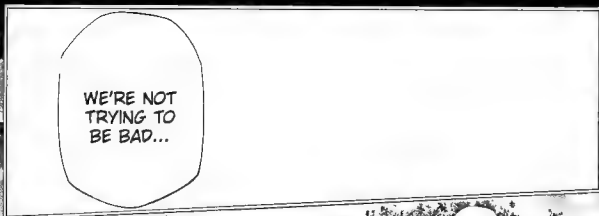


IT'S NOT
LIKE THAT,
GRANNY.



SO WHY DON'T
YOU STOP
SWITCHING
PLACES AND
MISBEHAVING,
ALL RIGHT?

EVEN IF YOU
CAN TRICK
OTHER PEOPLE,
GOD KNOWS
WHEN YOU'RE
BEING NAUGHTY.



WE'RE NOT
TRYING TO
BE BAD...



SO...

WHAT
WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO KNOW,
MIYAMAE-
SAN?



SOMETHING
ABOUT
THEIR
GRAND-
MOTHER?

SOMETHING
ABOUT
LITTLE
SISTER
MARIYA?

SOMETHING
ABOUT BIG
BROTHER
SHIZU?



SO AS FAR AS THE SCHOOL IS CONCERNED, MARIYA IS SHIZU AND SHIZU IS MARIYA?

BUT WAIT... MARIYA AND SHIZU SWITCHED PLACES.

THAT'S WHAT MARIYA SAID, RIGHT?

ISN'T MARIYA THE OLDER BROTHER AND SHIZU THE LITTLE SISTER?

ARGH! THIS IS TOTALLY CONFUSING! IT'S MAKING ME DIZZY JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!

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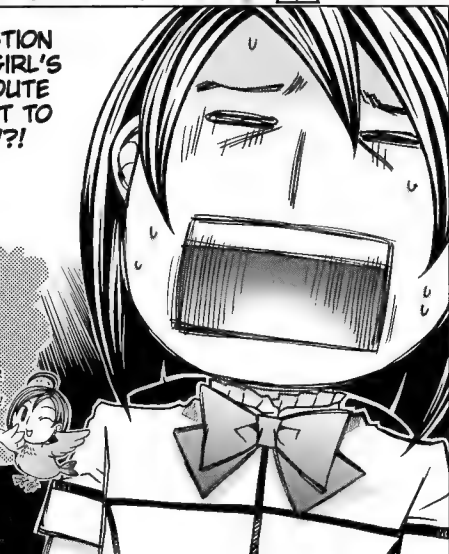
THE QUESTION IS WHICH GIRL'S STORY ROUTE DO I WANT TO FOLLOW?!

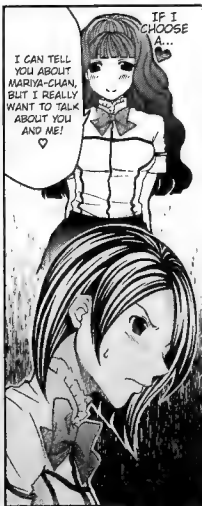
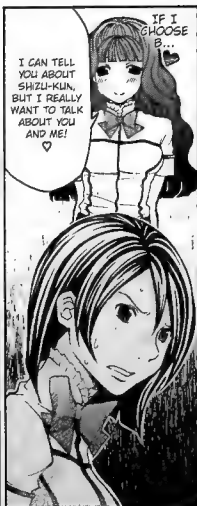
The migrant bird of love hint corner ☆ Love flies south!

愛の渡り鳥
LOVE渡り鳥!

CHOOSE CAREFULLY, KANAKO! THIS WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON YOUR CHANCES WITH SHIKI AYARI, TOO!

For real?! I better get this right!



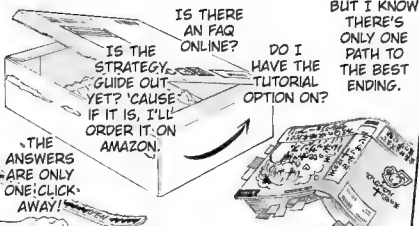


IS THERE AN FAQ ONLINE?

DO I HAVE THE TUTORIAL OPTION ON?

IS THE STRATEGY GUIDE OUT YET? 'CAUSE IF IT IS, I'LL ORDER IT ON AMAZON.

THE ANSWERS ARE ONLY ONE CLICK AWAY!



BUT I KNOW THERE'S ONLY ONE PATH TO THE BEST ENDING.

I CAN'T DECIDE!

THEY ALL SOUND LIKE THE RIGHT CHOICE!

CRASH

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WH...

WH-WH-WH-

WHI... WHI...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

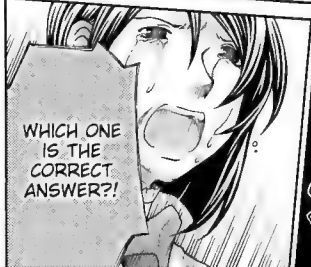
TREMBLE



HM?



WHICH ONE IS THE CORRECT ANSWER?!



THAT WAY I CAN
GET A TASTE OF
EACH OF THE
CHARACTERS,
THEN DECIDE
WHO I LIKE BEST
IN THE SECOND
PLAY-THROUGH.

M-MAYBE I'M
BETTER OFF
GOING FOR
THE HAREM
ENDING THE
FIRST TIME
AROUND.



BUT
THERE'S NO
"RIGHT" OR
"WRONG."

IF THERE'S
SOMETHING
YOU WANT TO
KNOW, YOU
SHOULD ASK
IT YOURSELF.

WHA?

WHAAA

3
TWIRL

HUH?



ON THE
OTHER HAND,
LAYING ON
HER LAP
SURE WOULD
BE NICE...

SORRY.

GULP





IT'S NOT
LIKE THAT,
GRANNY.

WE'RE NOT
TRYING TO
BE BAD...



WE WERE BORN
TO DO STUFF
LIKE THIS! THAT'S
WHY GOD MADE
US LOOK LIKE
CUTE LITTLE
FAIRIES!

AND DID GOD
MAKE YOU
ARROGANT
AS WELL?

BUT LOOK
AT HOW
CUTE WE
ARE!

MAYBE I
WAS WRONG
TO BRING
YOU UP THE
WAY I DID.



IS THERE
A TIME LIMIT
ON THIS OR
SOMETHING?

THIS IS
WAY TOO
HARD!

SHIVER
SHIVER

SHIVER

HONESTLY
...

OTHER
PEOPLE'S
OPINIONS
DON'T MEAN
A THING.



UNLESS YOU
FACE THE
PERSON
YOURSELF...

...YOU WILL
NEVER
REALLY
KNOW
THEM.



DON'T YOU
GET IT,
GRANNY?

WE'RE EACH
EXACTLY AS
CUTE AS
THE OTHER.

HE'S TRYING
TO TEST
KINDER-
GARTENERS
IN CALCULUS.
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT'S
GOING ON.

BY THE WAY,
GRANNY,
YOU'VE
GOT TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THAT
TUTOR.

WELL,
EXCEPT
THE OTHER
DAY...

OUR TUTOR
ALWAYS
GIVES US
100 ON OUR
TESTS.

WE'RE
EXACTLY AS
GOOD AT
SPORTS AND
SCHOOLWORK.



I think he
just likes
telling me I'm
wrong!





EVEN IF
YOU CAN
TELL THE
DIFFERENCE,
MOST
PEOPLE
CAN'T.



MAYBE
IT'LL BE
DIFFERENT
WHEN WE
GROW UP...

...BUT FOR
NOW, WE'RE
PRACTICALLY
THE SAME.

THEY DON'T
CARE
WHETHER
IT'S SHIZU
OR MARIYA.

NOT EVEN
OUR TUTOR
OR AYARI-
CHAN OR ANY
OF THE KIDS
IN OUR CLASS
COULD TELL.

PAPA,
MAMA,
AND YOU.

IF WE
SWITCH
PLACES,
ONLY THREE
PEOPLE WILL
KNOW.



MAYBE IT
WOULD BE
BETTER IF
I WASN'T
HERE.



SO I
THINK
MAYBE...



SINCE BIG
BROTHER
IS THE
HEIR AND
ALL...

...IT WOULD
BE BETTER
IF THERE
WERE ONLY
ONE OF US.



SHIZU!

NO!
IT'S NOT
ENOUGH!!

STRAIGHT
UP

YOU'LL
ALWAYS BE
MY LITTLE
ANGELS.
ISN'T THAT
ENOUGH?

WHAT
A SAD
THING
TO SAY!



NOW,
NOW.



IT'S NOT
ABOUT
THAT,
GRANNY!

WE WANT TO
MAKE SURE
THAT BOTH
OF US ARE
NEEDED.

THAT
BOTH OF
US ARE
WANTED.



I'M
SORRY,
GRANNY...

...BUT WE
WANT TO BE
LOVED AS
MARIYA AND
SHIZU.





... AND
YOUR
*ZHANG
LIANG.

THESE
TWO SHALL
BECOME
YOUR JIANG
ZIYA...

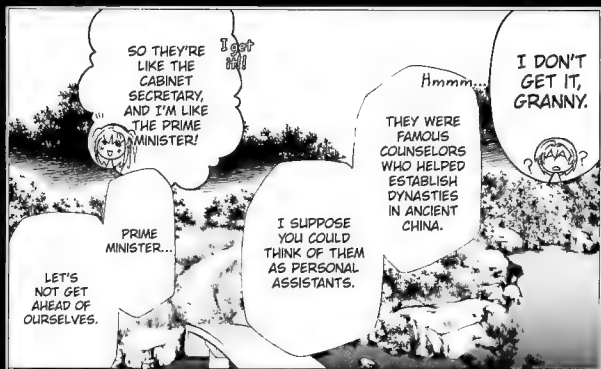
WE HAVE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH
SERVANTS,
GRANNY.

OH,
SHUSH.
JUST TAKE
THEM.



ZHANG
WHAT?

JIANG
WHO?



SO THEY'RE
LIKE THE
CABINET
SECRETARY,
AND I'M LIKE
THE PRIME
MINISTER!

I get
it!

Hmmm...

I DON'T
GET IT,
GRANNY.



THEY WERE
FAMOUS
COUNSELORS
WHO HELPED
ESTABLISH
DYNASTIES
IN ANCIENT
CHINA.

I SUPPOSE
YOU COULD
THINK OF THEM
AS PERSONAL
ASSISTANTS.

PRIME
MINISTER...

LET'S
NOT GET
AHEAD OF
OURSELVES.

YOU TWO ARE
STARTING
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL IN
THE SPRING,
AREN'T YOU?

I know.
It's weird!

How does she know
all this Chinese
stuff??

Grandma's Italian...



YOU WON'T
BE ABLE
TO STAY
TOGETHER
ALL THE
TIME.

FOR THE FIRST
TIME YOU'LL
MAKE YOUR
OWN FRIENDS
AND YOUR OWN
DISCOVERIES.

I'M SURE
YOU'LL BE
PUT INTO
DIFFERENT
CLASSES.



I GET
IT!

WHAT IF
ONE OF YOU
IS RUDE TO
SOMEONE AND
THE OTHER
SPEAKS TO
THEM AS IF
IT NEVER
HAPPENED?

WILL YOU
GREET
SOMEONE
YOU'VE NEVER
MET AS A
FRIEND?

HOW WILL
YOU TRADE
PLACES IN
THAT SORT OF
ENVIRONMENT?

I
WOULDN'T
PUT IT
THAT WAY.

SO JIANG
ZIYA OR
WHATEVER
IS LIKE A
NOTEBOOK!

So...
MORE
LIKE A
MANAGER,
MAYBE?





YES, A
MANAGER.



MATSURIKA
WILL
ACCOMPANY
"MARIYA"...

THEY SHALL
MEMORIZE
EVERYTHING
THAT THE
PLAYER COMES
IN CONTACT
WITH...

...AND RINDOU
WILL ACCOMPANY
"SHIZU"...
OR RATHER,
WHOEVER IS
PLAYING THE
ROLE OF SHIZU.

...AND FILL
IN THE GAPS
WHENEVER THEY
CHANGE ROLES.



And what's with that sassy pose?

YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE YOU GUYS CAME UP WITH THE IDEA.

...AND THE ONE THAT DRESSES LIKE A GIRL MARIYA-SAMA, REGARDLESS OF YOUR TRUE IDENTITIES.

SO ANYWAY, WE'LL CALL THE ONE THAT DRESSES LIKE A BOY SHIZU-SAMA...



YOU TWO ARE AWFULLY CONDESCENDING FOR KINDER-GARTENERS.

IT'S OKAY IF YOU'RE STUPID. DON'T WORRY.

LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!

AS LONG AS YOU'VE GOT GOOD LOOKS AND A LITTLE CHARISMA, YOU'LL BE FINE.



I AM ALWAYS ON YOUR SIDE, CHILDREN.



ALWAYS.

NO MATTER WHAT.



You're still young, but you'll understand someday.

I SEE. I'LL HAVE TO WRITE THAT ONE DOWN.

GRANNY, WHO ARE YOU SIDING WITH?

Nobody now...

A TRUE MASTERMIND WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES. YOU HAVE TO LET YOUR MASTERS THINK THEY'RE IN CHARGE.

WHOEVER IS
THE MOST
QUALIFIED
SHOULD BE
THE HEAD OF
THE FAMILY,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

WHO SAID
THAT SHIZU
WOULD BE
THE ONE
TO INHERIT
THE FAMILY
NAME?

MARIYA,
YOU SAID
THAT SHIZU
WAS MORE
IMPORTANT
SINCE HE'S
THE HEIR?

SHIZU!
DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING?!

WHAT?!

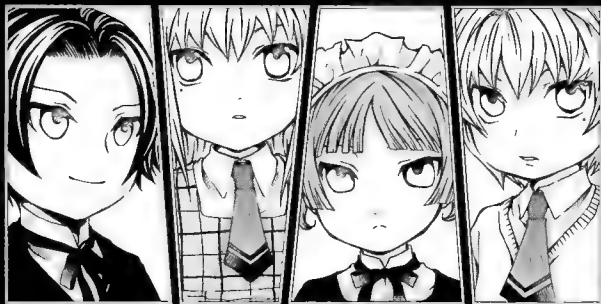
OF
COURSE.

YES!

NORMALLY,
IT'S NOT
GOOD TO
LIE TO
PEOPLE...

...BUT IF
THAT'S WHAT
IT TAKES
FOR YOU
CHILDREN TO
LIVE YOUR
LIVES...

...THEN IT
MUST BE
DONE.



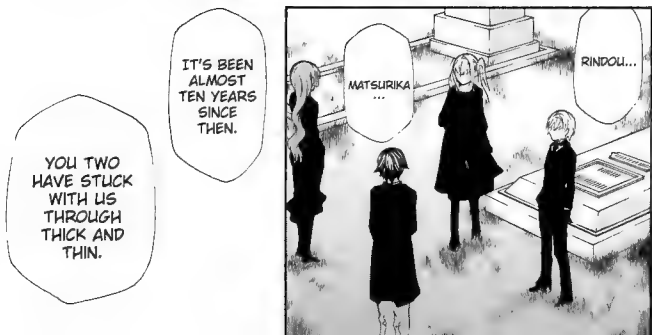
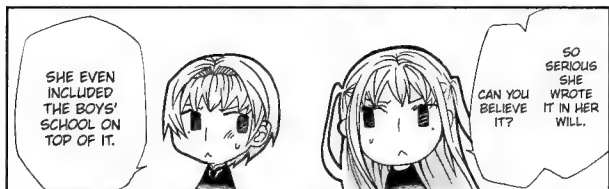
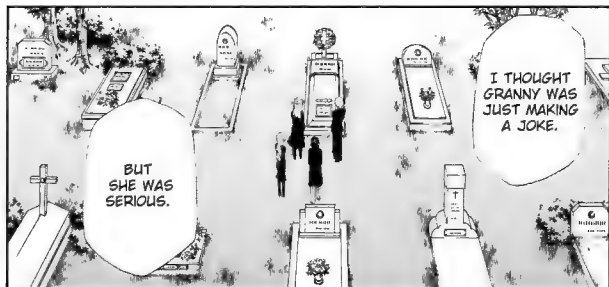
...OR
RATHER,
WE ARE
PARTNERS
IN CRIME.

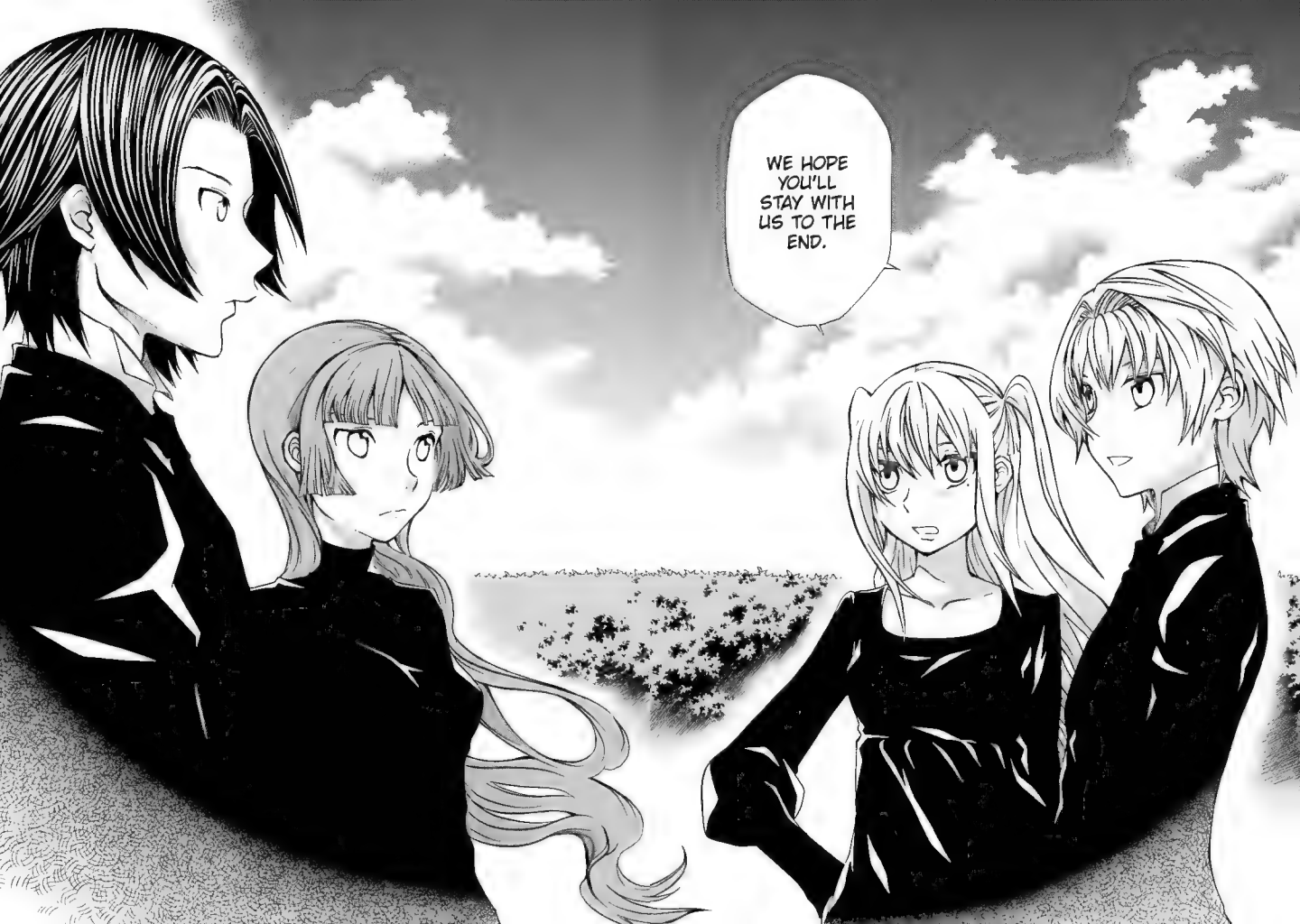
FROM
NOW ON,
YOU...

THE ONE
WHO HIDES
THEIR
IDENTITY
THE BEST
WILL WIN MY
TREASURE...

...AME
NO-
KISAKI.

SAYING
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...





WE HOPE
YOU'LL
STAY WITH
US TO THE
END.



WHOOOSH



THIS IS
TEAR-JERKING
FOR ALL
THE WRONG
REASONS.

HEY, I'M TRYING
TO CREATE A
HEARTWARMING
SCENE HERE,
JACKASS!

YEAH,
JIANG ZIYA
NEEDS A
VACATION.

YOUR LINE
WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE "YOU
SHOULD GO
FREE," NOT
"STAY WITH
US UNTIL
THE END."



AND
BACK
AGAIN!



ONE
MOMENT
PLEASE.

LEAVING



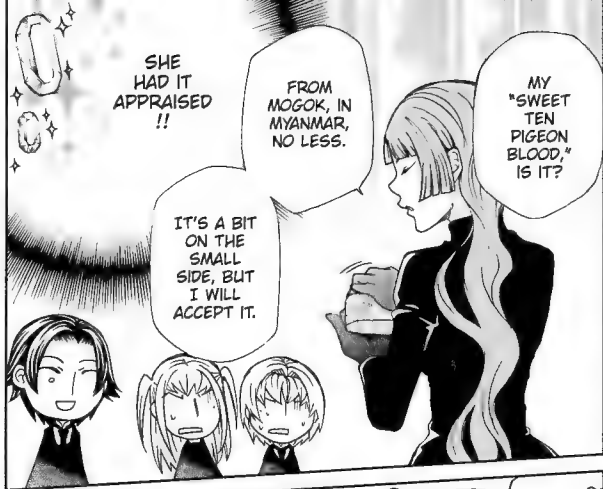
YOU KNOW,
WHEN COUPLES
ARE TOGETHER
FOR TEN
YEARS OR SO
THEY MIGHT
CELEBRATE
WITH SAY...A
DIAMOND...?

MATSU-
RIKA

THIS IS
FROM ME
AND B.G.
BROTHER

ほ
REVEAL







I WONDER
IF WE CAN
KEEP THIS
UP UNTIL
THE END.

THREE
YEARS
OF HIGH
SCHOOL,
HUH?



IN A FEW
YEARS, WE
PROBABLY
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
SWITCH
PLACES
ANYMORE.



RIGHT.

LIKE IT OR
NOT, THIS
IS OUR
FINAL
BATTLE.



NO MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENS...



...WE
CAN'T STAY
LIKE THIS
FOREVER.



ARE YOU
GOING
BACK TO
THE DORMS
ALREADY, BIG
BROTHER?

WHY DON'T
YOU SPEND
THE NIGHT?



I'VE
FINISHED
MY
BUSINESS
HERE.

THERE'S NO
REASON FOR
US TO STAY
TOGETHER.



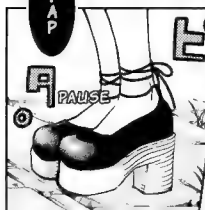
YOU AND
I ARE
ENEMIES,
"SHIZU"!

DON'T
FORGET.



WE'RE
PARTNERS
IN CRIME
'TIL THE
BITTER
END!

WE'LL
KEEP OUR
SECRET
SAFE!





THE ONE
FROM
SHIZU-SAMA
THAT
AYARI-SAMA
DELIVERED
TO YOU...

I HAVEN'T
READ IT, SO
I'M SPEAKING
STRICTLY
FROM
SPECULATION,
BUT...

PERHAPS
IT SAID...



Am?
IS
SOME-
THING
WRONG,
MATSURIKA?



THAT
LETTER...



"TO COMMEMO-
RATE THE
ANNIVERSARY OF
GRANDMOTHER'S
PASSING...

...WOULD YOU
CONSIDER
SETTING RINDOU
AND MATSURIKA
FREE?"



WELL...
I DON'T
KNOW.

IF IT
DID, WHAT
WOULD
YOU DO?

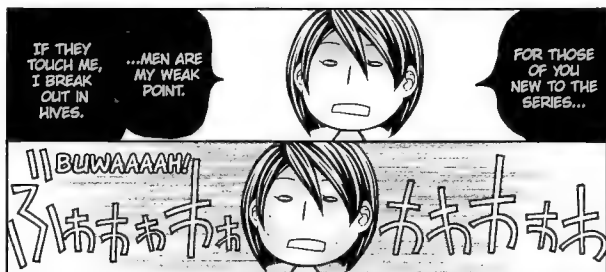
SINCE I'VE
ALREADY
BEEN BOUGHT
WITH A
PIGEON
BLOOD
RUBY FROM
MYANMAR...



I SUPPOSE...

...I WOULD
STAY BY YOUR
SIDE A BIT
LONGER.







Awgh!

DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT LOOK!
DON'T PITY
ME!

Come
on!

I WAS
JUST TALKING
ABOUT YOU
SWITCHING
WITH SHIZU
AND—

STOMP

Yeeek!

FLINCH

I MEAN...
YOU'RE
"MARIYA,"
RIGHT,
MARIYA?

MARIYA IS
THE BOY
AND SHIZU
IS THE
GIRL.

THAT'S
THE WAY
I LEARNED
IT, AT
LEAST.

WHISPERING

WE SHOULD
DISCUSS
THESE THINGS
IN PRIVATE,
KANAKO-SAN.

OKAY?

I CAN CALL
YOU MARIYA,
CAN'T I?

BUT NOW I'M
ALL MIXED UP
AND I FEEL
LIKE I HARDLY
EVEN KNOW
WHO I'M
TALKING TO
ANYMORE.

WHISPERING

R-RIGHT.
SORRY.

SHIVER

SHIVER



MY
INVESTI-
GATION
ENDED IN
DISASTER.

I GUESS
EVERYONE HAS
SOMETHING
THEY WANT
TO KEEP TO
THEMSELVES.

DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...



DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...

BUT
YOU
KNOW...

WHEN
I THINK
THAT
MARINA
HOLDS
SUCH FOND
MEMORIES
OF HIS
GRAND-
MOTHER...

...HIDDEN
AWAY IN
A WARM,
COZY PLACE
IN HIS
HEART...

DEAR MOTHER,
WHO PASSED
AWAY SOON
AFTER
I ENTERED
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL....

...I CAN'T
REMEMBER
YOUR FACE
WHEN YOU
CAST A
SMILE
ON ME.



...IT
MAKES
ME A BIT
JEALOUS.





M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

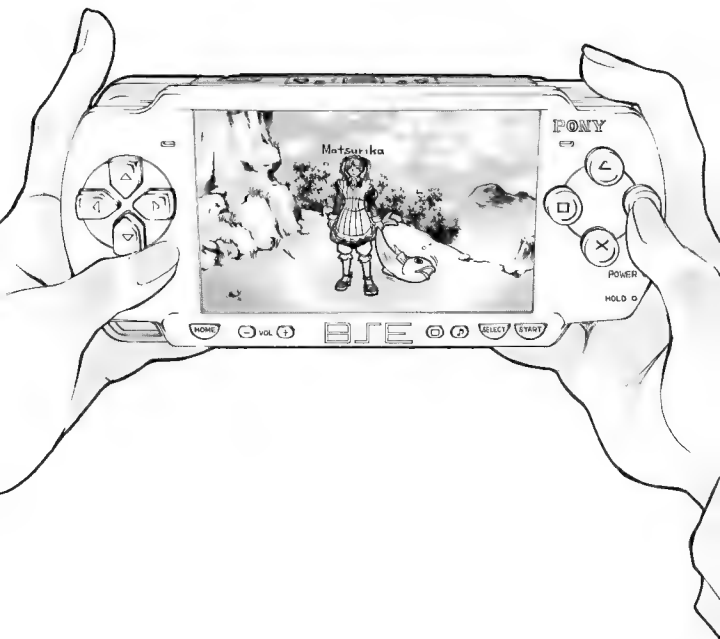
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MARIA + HOLIC

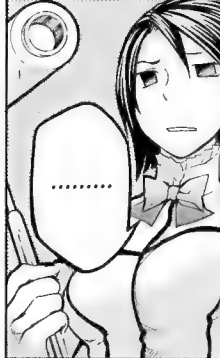


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On Sunday We Hunt to Welcome Our Guest







I DON'T
WANT TO BE
SPOKEN TO
RIGHT NOW.

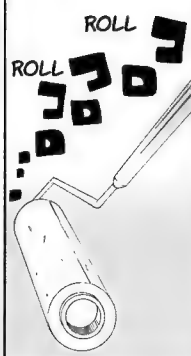
IF YOU HATE
TO DO IT,
THEN DON'T.

HEY,
YOU
GUYS?

I HATE TO
DISTURB
YOU WHEN
YOU'RE
BUSY, BUT-

CLICK
CLACK

YES,
MASTER...
ER...
MASTERS.





WHILE YOU'RE
READING AND
HUNTING
VIRTUAL
MONSTERS,
I'M WORKING
MY ASS OFF!

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
NEEDS TO
BE A GOOD
ROOMMATE!



YAH!

YAH!

FLOP

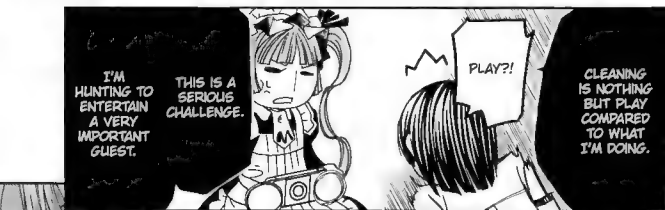
WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM,
ANYWAY?

BE A GOOD
ROOMMATE
AND LET
ME READ.

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M
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H
!

RGHHH!
MRGHHHH!

TWIST

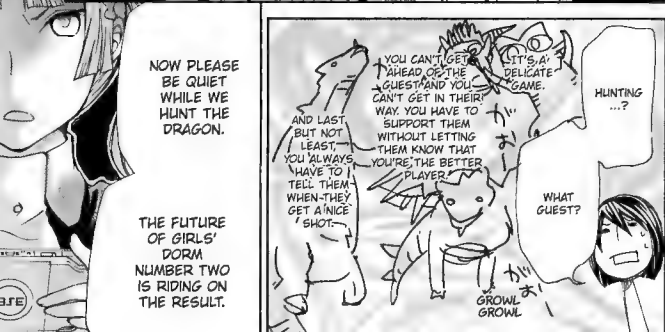


I'M
HUNTING TO
ENTERTAIN
A VERY
IMPORTANT
GUEST.

THIS IS A
SERIOUS
CHALLENGE.

PLAY?!

CLEANING
IS NOTHING
BUT PLAY
COMPARED
TO WHAT
I'M DOING.



NOW PLEASE
BE QUIET
WHILE WE
HUNT THE
DRAGON.

THE FUTURE
OF GIRLS'
DORM
NUMBER TWO
IS RIDING ON
THE RESULT.

AND LAST,
BUT NOT
LEAST,
YOU ALWAYS
HAVE TO
TELL THEM
WHEN THEY
GET A NICE
SHOT.

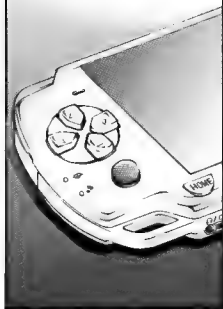
YOU CAN'T GET
AHEAD OF THE
GUEST, AND YOU
CAN'T GET IN THEIR
WAY. YOU HAVE TO
SUPPORT THEM
WITHOUT LETTING
THEM KNOW THAT
YOU'RE THE BETTER
PLAYER.

IT'S A
DELICATE
GAME.

HUNTING
...?

WHAT
GUEST?

GROWL
GROWL



AHEM

I SEE.
SO
THAT'S
IT...

...SMILE I WON'T
UPON BOTHER
YOU. ASKING WHO
THE "GUEST"
IS. I HAVE
A PRETTY
GOOD IDEA.

MAY THE
GODDESS
OF THE
HUNT...



NOT
VERY
SUBTLE,
ARE
YOU?

SOME PEOPLE
LIKE DOGS AND
SOME PEOPLE
LIKE CATS,
BUT I PREFER
SLAVES.

YOUR WORDS
ARE FILLING
MY HEART
WITH DESPAIR.
MATSURIKA-SAN!

ENTERTAINING
GUESTS IS A
CHORE, BUT
LIVING WITH A
SERVILE ANIMAL
CERTAINLY HAS
ITS PERKS.

PHEW
...



IF YOU
DON'T CLEAN
PROPERLY,
YOU'LL HAVE
LOTS OF DUST
IN PLACES
LIKE THIS...

OH,
UH...
RIGHT!

ANYWAY,
WHAT WAS
IT THAT
YOU WANTED,
KANAKO-
SAMA?

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

AND
WHAT IS
THIS
SMELL?

I NEVER
NOTICED IT
BEFORE, BUT
MARIYA'S SIDE
OF THE ROOM
IS SO NEAT
AND SHINY!

ROSE,
JASMINE,
NEROLI...!
THE CLEAN
SCENT OF
BERGAMOT
AND ORANGE
FLOATING ATOP
AN ELEGANT
MIXTURE OF
FLOWERS!

SUCH
A FASHIONABLE
COMBINATION OF
FRAGRANCES!!

GASP



Hey!

KEEP YOUR
GREASY
HANDS
OFF MY
WINDOW!

WHY ISN'T
THERE
ANY DUST
ON MY
FINGER?

HUH?

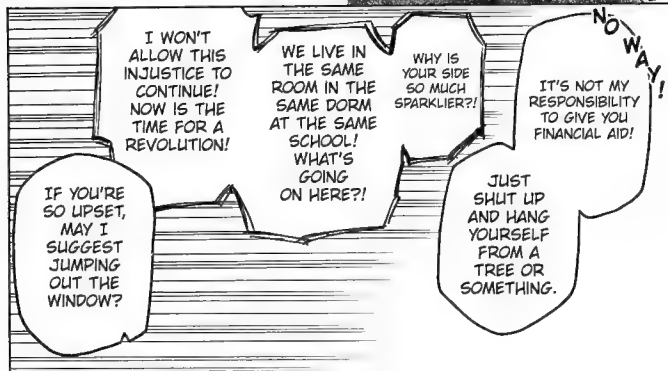


THE
VERY
PICTURE
OF A
DEVELOPED
COUNTRY!

HOW
LONG
TO TASTE
OF ITS
SWEET
SOPHISTI-
CATION!

OF COURSE
A TAINTED
PERSON, SUCH
AS MYSELF
IS FORBIDDEN
ENTRY TO SUCH
A PLACE.

美麗華



WAAHHH!

I WANNA
HAVE A MAID
AROUND TO
CLEAN UP
FOR ME,
TOO!!

IT'S NOT FAIR
THAT YOU HAVE
MATSURIKASAN
TO DO
ALL YOUR
DIRTY WORK!

YOU GET
TO TOUCH
EVERYTHING YOU
WANT AND PEEL
EVERYTHING
YOU WANT! YOU
DON'T EVEN HAVE
TO CLEAN UP!

Tears
of
blood

PEEL?
PEEL
WHAT?

DROP

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IS
THAT
SO?

Jeez...

SO YOU
WANT
SOMEONE
TO HELP
YOU CLEAN,
IS THAT IT?
I HAD A
FEELING.

WELL,
DON'T WORRY.
I'VE ALREADY
ARRANGED
FOR SOMEONE
TO COME.

KNOCK KNOCK

KA-CHAK

MIYAMAE-
KUN...

HUH?

DEAR
MOTHER
IN
HEAVEN...

YOU HAVE
TO TAKE
RESPON-
SIBILITY
FOR YOUR
OWN MESSES.

WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!!
MIYAMAE-KUN
IS FOAMING AT
THE MOUTH!

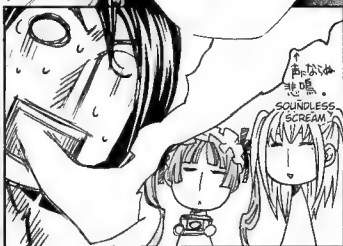
QUICK,
CALL AN
AMBULANCE!!

OH MY!
YOU SHOULDN'T
PUSH YOURSELF
SO HARD,
KANAKO-SAN!
YOU KNOW YOUR
HEALTH IS POOR!

FROM NOW ON,
I'LL LIVE A LIFE
BEFITTING OF MY
SOCIAL STATUS.

I NEVER KNEW
THAT YOUR
HEALTH ISSUES
PREVENTED YOU
FROM CLEANING
BY YOURSELF. YOU
SHOULD HAVE SAID
SOMETHING!

THANKFULLY,
SHIDOLI-KUN
SENT ME A TEXT
MESSAGE TO
INFORM ME OF
THE SITUATION.



M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC



DID YOU
NOTICE
MY NEW
GLASSES?

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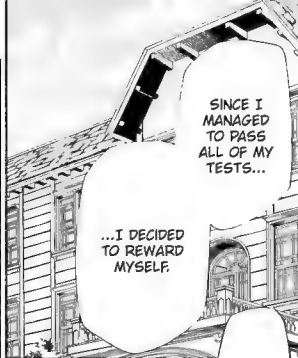
Joyful, Cute, and
Embarrassing Treats





SOMETHING
I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED.

A SCREW-
DRIVER FOR
TRIANGULAR
SCREWS!



SINCE I
MANAGED
TO PASS
ALL OF MY
TESTS...

...I DECIDED
TO REWARD
MYSELF.

OH
YEAH?

SHOULDN'T
SHE GET
SOMETHING
MORE CUTE
OR FUN?

NEW LENSES
FOR YOUR
GLASSES AS
A "REWARD"?

I GOT MYSELF
A LITTLE
REWARD FOR
GETTING GOOD
GRADES, TOO.



They're much less
common than regular
or Phillips-head screws.

三角のネジは
そんなに
お宝なの？
お宝？

MANUFACTURERS
USE TRIANGULAR
SCREWS IN PLACES
THEY DO NOT WANT
PEOPLE GETTING
INTO, CORRECT?

I DIDN'T
EVEN
KNOW
THEY
MADE
TRIANGULAR
SCREWS.

THAT'S
EVEN
LESS
CUTE!

ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?!



WELL, I
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING
PLANNED
AT THE
MOMENT...

...BUT
ARE YOU
PLANNING
ON TAKING
SOMETHING
APART,
SACHI-SAN?

I'M GLAD
TO HEAR
THAT YOU
TWO ARE
SO WELL-
VERSED IN
SCREW-
DRIVERS...

I'M
LOOKING
TO GET
HEXAGONAL
AND STAR-
SHAPED
ONES
NEXT.

YEAH,
AND SINCE
THEY'RE
THE MOST
COMMON OF THE
SPECIALIZED
SCREWS, I
THOUGHT
THEY MIGHT
COME IN
HANDY.

BUT...

...YOU
KNOW HOW
I LIKE
TO HAVE
EVERYTHING
ON HAND.

THAT
SOUNDS
SPLENDID,
MOMOI-SAN.

BY THE
WAY, I HAVE
HEARD THAT THE
LARGE HANDLES
ON PRECISION
DRIVERS MAKE
THEM EASIER FOR
AMATEURS
TO USE.

SHE
HAS TO
WORK
AT IT.

I
SEE.

AH...

MOMOI SACHI

[ABILITY]
▶ HAS EVERYTHING ON
HAND ALL THE TIME.

MOMOI SACHI

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TEAR UP

WHAT?!

Why are you crying?!

KANAKO-SAN,
HOW COULD YOU?!

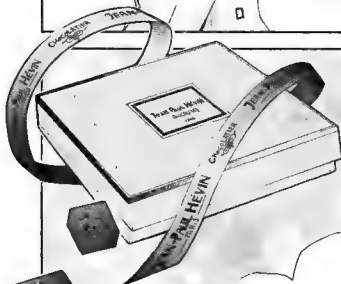
ARE YOU TRYING TO
EMBARRASS ME?

WHAT?!

SHOCK

IT'S
NICE TO
TREAT
YOURSELF
SOMETIMES,
HUH?

DID YOU BUY
SOMETHING
TOO,
YUZURU-
SAN?



That's
not
practical
at all!!

手頃じゃない!!

Wait!

THOSE
THINGS ARE
SUPER
EXPENSIVE!

BESIDES,
BUYING
CHOCOLATES
FOR YOURSELF
IS REALLY
CUTE AND
PRACTICAL!

IT'S REALLY
OKAY, YUZURU-
SAN. THIS ISN'T
A COMPETITION,
AFTER ALL.

NOW
NOW

I KNOW IT'S
BORING! I
KNOW IT'S
NOTHING TO
GET EXCITED
ABOUT! I'M
SORRY! I'M
SO SORRY!

ALL I BOUGHT
WAS A BOX
OF FANCY
CHOCOLATES!
PLEASE
FORGIVE ME!

I SAVOR
EACH ONE
LIKE A
JEWEL! I'M
SORRY!!

WAAAH!!

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SOB

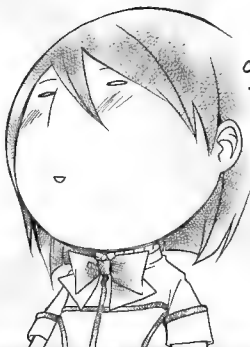
FORGIVE
ME!
I KNOW
I DON'T
BELONG IN
A COMEDY
MANGA!

YUZURI-
CHAN, GET
A HOLD OF
YOURSELF!!

I
THINK
YUZURI-
SAN'S WAY
IS MUCH
CUTER...

THAT'S A
DIFFERENT
FLAVOR
THAN THE
JEWELS ON
MATSURIKA'S
WISH LIST.

CHOCOLATE
JEWELS...



SO
ANYWAY,
THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED
TODAY.

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?

AREN'T
REWARDS
USUALLY
GIVEN TO
PEOPLE
WHO WORK
HARD OR LIKE...
ACCOMPLISH
SOMETHING?

WHAT, DO
I LOOK LIKE
DORAEMON
TO YOU?
WHY ARE
YOU ASKING
ME?

THE
POINT IS,
I REALLY
WANT
SOMETHING
NOW.

NOTHING!!

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
SAY IT,
BUT...

PLEASE,
MARIEMON!
I WANT
A REWARD!

CRACKLE

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DON'T
ASK ME.

I DESERVE
SOMETHING
TOO, DON'T
I? DON'T
I?!

Tears of
blood

IT'S NOT
FAIR THAT
KIRI GOT NEW
GLASSES WHEN
SHE FAILS
JUST LIKE
ME!

I WANNA
GET A
REWARD,
TOO!!

WAAAH!!

COLLAPSE

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IS
THAT
SO?

KNOCK
KNOCK

ANYWAY,
DON'T WORRY.
I'VE ALREADY
ARRANGED
FOR SOMEONE
TO COME.

IN KIRI-
SAN'S CASE,
SHE'S NEAR
THE TOP OF
THE CLASS
IN AT LEAST
SOME OF HER
COURSES.

Jeez...

KA-CHAK

MIYAMAE-
KUN...

HUH?

DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...

I KNOW
YOU'RE
WATCHING
OVER ALL THE
HARD WORK
I'VE BEEN
DOING.

WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!
MIYAMAE-KUN
IS FOAMING AT
THE MOUTH
AGAIN!

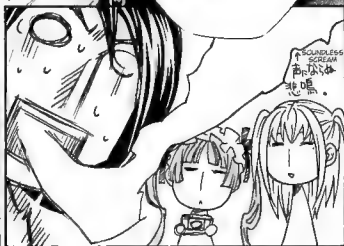
QUICK,
CALL AN
AMBULANCE!!

OH MY!
YOU SHOULDN'T
PUSH YOURSELF
SO HARD,
KANAKO-SAN!
YOU KNOW YOUR
HEALTH IS POOR!

THE ONLY
REWARD
I ASK FOR
IS AN
ESCAPE
FROM THIS
HELL.

I NEVER
KNEW YOU
WERE HAVING
TROUBLE WITH
YOUR GRADES.
YOU SHOULD
HAVE SAID
SOMETHING!

ALSO,
PLEASE DO
NOT GET THE
IMPRESSION THAT
I'M USING YOU AS
A PRETENSE TO
VISIT SHIDOU-KUN
AND SHINOBUJI-
KUN.



M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

M A R I A H O L I C

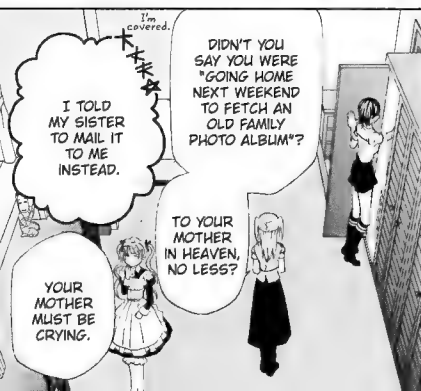
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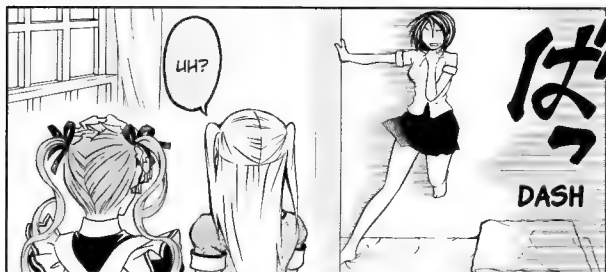
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Digging Out or Slimming Down for a
Metabolic Summer









SHE ALWAYS
SAYS THE
MOST RANDOM
THINGS.

MKS ARE
YOU REFERRING
TO METERS,
KILOGRAMS
AND SECONDS?

DON'T
MAKE ME
PANIC,
YOU MKS,
YOU ☆

OH, I SEE.
SOMEONE MUST
HAVE CHANGED
THE STANDARD
FOR MEASURING
LENGTH AND
WEIGHT WITHOUT
ME KNOWING.

NOT ONLY
HAVE YOU
INCREASED
YOUR LENGTH,
YOU'VE INCREASED
YOUR WIDTH
AS WELL!
CONGRATULATIONS.

FATTENING
UP, ARE
YOU?

SO IT
WASN'T MY
IMAGINATION.
MY CLOTHES
WERE GETTING
TIGHTER.

HUH?

WAIT!
I KNOW
WHAT
IT IS!

GASP

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わい
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...AND HAVE
SOME TEA
WITH ME?

WHY DON'T
YOU TAKE
A BREAK?

BUT WHY?
IT DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE...

WHAT
COULD'VE
CAUSED
THIS?

DON'T
FORGET
THE HIGH-
CALORIE
JAM!

THEY'RE
EVEN MORE
DELICIOUS
IF YOU COVER
THEM IN
HIGH-CALORIE
CLOTTED CREAM!

THESE
HIGH-
CALORIE
SCONES
SURE ARE
DELICIOUS!

THIS IS ALL
YOUR FAULT
FOR HAVING
THOSE
DELICIOUS
SNACKS LAYING
AROUND ALL
THE TIME!

THAT'S
A MASSIVE,
BLOATED
EXAGGERA-
TION.

THOSE
HIGH-CALORIE
SNACKS HAVE
TURNED INTO
SUBCUTANEOUS
FAT!!

Don't say massive
and bloated!

EVEN
THE HOUSE
MOTHER AND
RYUKEN-SAMA
KEEP
STOPPING BY
TO EAT THEM!

POIRE,
POMME,
CITRON,
FRAMBOIS,
ANANAS, AND
ORANGE...

LIGHTLY
BROWNEO,
PATE SUCREE
AND MELT-IN-
YOUR MOUTH
BISCUIT
DOUGH...

PATE BRISEE
THAT'S RICH
BUT LIGHT...
MISCHIEVOUS
CARAMEL
AND ALLURING
CREME
PATISSIERE...

Whatever.

DON'T BLAME
YOUR EATING
PROBLEMS
ON ME.

A RAINBOW-
SHANGRI-LA
OF COLORFUL
FRUITS AND
COUVERTURE
CHOCOLATE...

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
A BOY,
MARIYA!

GIRLS ARE
ALWAYS
PREPARED
TO DIE FOR
SWEETS!!

PLEASE,
BE MY
GUEST.



FUNDAMENTAL
PROBLEM... ?





WHY DON'T
YOU STOP
BLAMING
OTHERS
FOR
ONCE?

HEADING
TO THE
ROOT OF
THE ISSUE,
ARE YOU?

MY
TRUE
ENEMY!

SUGARCANE!



NOW
YOU'RE
DISSING
OUR
UNIFORM?

I CAN'T
GO TO
THE BALL
LOOKING
LIKE THIS!

WHAT-
EVER
SHALL
I DO?



HMPH.

WELL,
GOOD LUCK
WITH THAT.

I
HAVE NO
CHOICE.

YOU'RE
THE DEVIL!
THE DEVIL!

I'VE
PREPARED
SOME
DELICIOUS
GRAPEFRUIT
TARTS.

SHALL WE
HAVE SOME
TEA, MARIYA-
SAMA?

I'LL
HAVE TO
TRANSFORM
INTO DIET
KANAKO.

IS THAT
WHAT
YOU'RE
TELLING
MEEEEEE?

YOU
WON'T
BE HAVING
DINNER
TODAY,
MIYAMAE-
SAN?

OH?



BUT
MIYAMAE-SAN,
YOU DIDN'T
EAT LUNCH
EITHER,
DID YOU?

THAT'S
RIGHT,
HOUSE
MOTHER.

FROM
NOW ON,
I'M GOING
TO LIVE AS
A LONE
COMMANDO
IN THE WAR
AGAINST
FAT.

DON'T
WORRY.
THE ODDS
ARE IN MY
FAVOR.

CRASH DIETS
NEVER
WORK, YOU
KNOWWWWW.

DONG

DING

DONG

THE NEXT
DAY.



I
HAVE...

...A
SECRET
WEAPON.

GRR LGH
GRRLRRRGH



PING

SO LOGICALLY, IF YOU GET ALL THE WATER OUT OF YOUR BODY, YOU'LL LOSE WEIGHT IN NO TIME!

I CALL IT "KANAKO'S DESERT DIET"!

IF I KEEP ONE IN MY MOUTH, IT'LL GENERATE A LOT OF SALIVA.

MY SECRET WEAPON! DRIED SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS!

WHAT IS THAT, MIYAMAE-SAN?

HUUUUH.

NOM

AND THAT'S A GOOD THING?

WELL... YES.

WELL, MOST OF THE HUMAN BODY IS MADE UP OF WATER, RIGHT?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE DESERT? HOT AND SANDY... ROCKY AND DRY... FILLED WITH SUN-BLEACHED CARCASSES...

DON'T YOU THINK THAT SOUNDS KIND OF OMINOUS?!

ALTHOUGH WHEN I THINK OF THE DESERT, I SEE A WIDE OPEN SEA OF SAND FILLED WITH LITTLE RIPPLE PATTERNS, JUST LIKE THE SAHARA.

Yeah!

CAN'T YOU CALL IT SOMETHING ELSE?

THAT SOUNDS EVEN MORE OMINOUS THAN BEFORE!

PLEASE, SOMEBODY STOP HER!



NOOOOO
OOOOO!!

M... A... R... B...
L... E... S!

SACHI-SAN
DIDN'T HAVE
A PROBLEM
WITH THE
MUSHROOMS,
SHE HAD A
PROBLEM WITH
GOING ON
A CRAZY DIET.

I THINK
YOU MISSED
THE POINT.

OH, I SEE.
I AM SORRY,
INAMORI-SAN.

I CAN ONLY
UNDERSTAND
THINGS AT
FACE VALUE.

PERHAPS
MOMOI-SAN
HAS SOME
STERILIZED
MARBLES HANDY?

HUH?

N-NO!

WHY
WOULD
I HAVE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?

SACHI-
SAN?

LEER

CLINK
CLANK

LIAR.

HOVER

LET'S SEE
WHAT YOU'VE
GOT IN YOUR
HAND THERE,
SHALL WE?

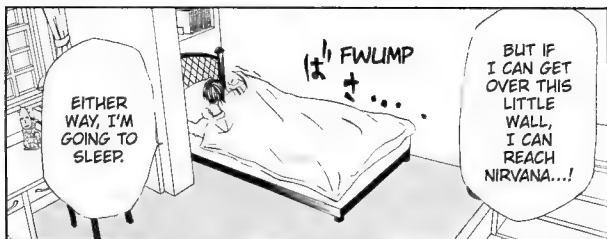
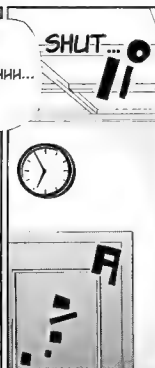
SHIVER

NO...

NOOO-
OO...

SHIVER





HYAN HYAN
HYAHIN!

HYAAAAAN!!





JUMP

HYAN
HYANNNNN!

REVEAL
YOURSELF,
FIEND!

IT'S AN
ENEMY
ATTACK!

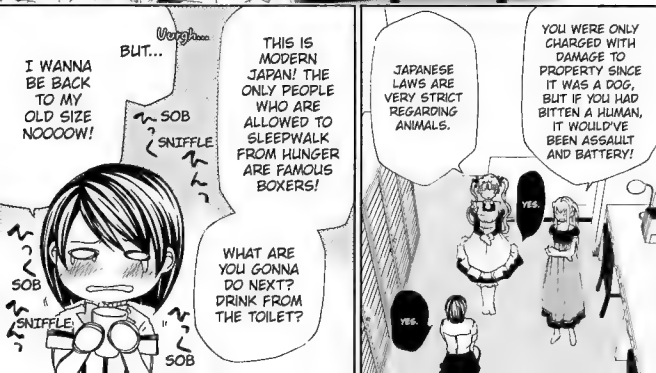
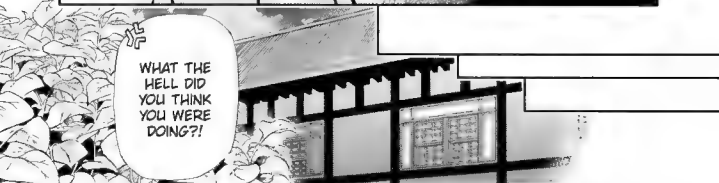
A SCREAM
PIERCING
THROUGH
THE NIGHT...



DID AN
INTRUDER
BREAK
INTO THE
DORMS?!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

HOUSE
MOTHER!
THAT WAS
YONAKUNI-
SAN,
WASN'T
IT?



THE
MIRACULOUS
"FANTASY DIET
VER. 4.2"
HAS JUST
ARRIVED!!

THEN
I HAVE
JUST THE
THING!



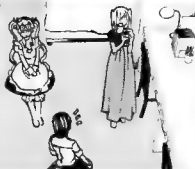
TA DAAAAAA!



Oh?

WHY
NOT?

HUH?
N-NO...



HAVE YOU
TRIED USING
DIETARY
SUPPLEMENTS,
KANAKO-SAN?

GULP

EH?

OF COURSE,
THAT'S WHAT
EVERYONE
SAYS IN THE
BEGINNING.

EVEN I
HAD MY
DOUBTS.

IT'S
TOTALLY
UNSCIENTIFIC!

IF EVERYONE
COULD BE THIN
BY TAKING
DIET PILLS,
THEN FINDING
SOMEONE WHO
IS OBESE WOULD
BE LIKE FINDING
A FOUR-LEAF
CLOVER!



BUT AREN'T
SUPPLEMENTS
LIKE THAT
EXPENSIVE?

GULP

MAYBE
THOSE PILLS
ARE THEIR
SECRET
WEAPON!

BUT WAIT
A MINUTE...
MARIYA AND
MATSURIKA EAT
AS MANY HIGH
CALORIE SNACKS
AS I DO!

SMILE

WELL, IT
MIGHT BE
A BIT MORE
EXPENSIVE
THAN YOUR
AVERAGE
DIET PLAN...

TWO?
I THOUGHT
IT WAS VER.
4.2?

HOW DO
THEY STAY
SO THIN?

... BUT,
"FANTASY
DIET PART
TWO" CAN-

MAYBE
THEY
WORK
AFTER
ALL!

RIGHT. VER.
4.2 CAN BE
RETURNED, NO
QUESTIONS
ASKED, FOR A
FULL REFUND.



BUT HOW
CAN YOU
MAKE MONEY,
RUNNING
A BUSINESS
LIKE THAT?!

OF
COURSE.

A FULL
REFUND?!

EVEN IF
I USE THE
WHOLE THING
AND ALL
THAT'S LEFT
IS AN EMPTY
JAR?!

IT JUST
SHOWS
HOW MUCH
CONFIDENCE
WE HAVE
IN OUR
PRODUCTS!

FOR YOUR
WITHERED HEA-

WE ENSURE
THAT OUR
CUSTOMERS
ARE 100%
SATISFIED
WITH EACH
PURCHASE.



UNFORTU-
NATELY,
IT'S NOT
AVAILABLE
IN STORES.

AND WHERE
CAN I BUY
THIS MIRACLE
PRODUCT?

YOU MEAN
IT'S MAIL-
ORDER
ONLY?



Sorry!

I
SHOULD'VE
BEEN MORE
CLEAR.

KANAKO-
SAMA ISN'T
GOOD WITH
SUBTLETY.

WE'VE DEVELOPED
A SYSTEM THAT
ELIMINATED
ADVERTISING AND
DISTRIBUTION FEES
SO THAT WE CAN
PASS THE SAVINGS
ON TO YOUR
CUSTOMERS.

NO, NOT
EXACTLY.

Huh?

I DON'T
SEE WHERE
YOU'RE
GOING WITH
THIS.



YES.

YOU MUST
BECOME A
MEMBER IN
ORDER TO
PURCHASE THE
SUPPLEMENT.

A FAN
CLUB?

OF THE
FAN
CLUB?

THIS ISN'T
A NORMAL
BUSINESS
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

YOU MIGHT
SAY IT'S
MORE OF A
"FAN CLUB"
FOR THE
PRODUCT.

NO,
YOU'D
WANT TO
SHARE
IT.

NO WAY.
I'D WANT
IT ALL TO
MYSELF.

Huh?

AND AS A FAN,
YOU'D WANT LOTS
OF PEOPLE TO
KNOW ABOUT
THE PRODUCT,
WOULDN'T YOU?

UH...
O-O-KAY.

THAT'S
CORRECT.

SMILE ■

YOU MEAN
I GET
MONEY?!
REAL
MONEY?!

IN OTHER
WORDS, YOU
GET A CUT OF
THE PROFITS.

FAN CLUB
MEMBERS
WHO RECRUIT
NEW MEMBERS
GET A SPECIAL
KICKBACK.

AND IF YOU
TELL A LOT OF
PEOPLE ABOUT
IT, WOULDN'T
YOU WANT TO
BE REWARDED
FOR YOUR
EFFORTS?

TO SPELL OUT THE DETAILS, IF YOU MANAGE TO RECRUIT TEN MEMBERS WITHIN THREE MONTHS, YOU GET A 2% KICKBACK BONUS!

NATURALLY,
YOUR
KICKBACK RATE
INCREASES
WITH THE
NUMBER OF
NEW RECRUITS,
AS DOES YOUR
RANKING IN
THE FAN
CLUB.

oooooooooo... あ

EXACTLY!

YOU CATCH
ON QUICKLY,
KANAKO-
SAN!



EXACTLY!
SIMPLE,
ISN'T IT?

THE BEST
PRODUCTS
SPREAD TO THE
MOST PEOPLE
FOR THE LOWEST
PRICES! IT'S A
NEW BUSINESS
MODEL FOR THE
21ST CENTURY.



I SHARE A
GREAT NEW
PRODUCT...
THE USERS
ARE HAPPY...

...AND
MY
WALLET
GETS
FATTER?

IT'S
A HAPPY
ENDING FOR
EVERYONE!



私もさくさく
食べたいに。 Can't we do
something less
boring?

MARIYA-
SAMA...

THIS
PYRAMID
SCHEME
JOKE IS
GETTING
OLD.



SWOOP
は%

LET'S LIVE
THE DREAM
TOGETHER!!



Since
when?! YOU
WERE
JUST
PULLING
MY LEG?
HUH?

Tch!
I WAS HAVING
FUN WATCHING
HER GO FROM
"I WANT TO
LOSE WEIGHT"
TO "I WANT TO
MAKE MONEY."



**THERE'S
NO SECRET
TO WEIGHT
LOSS.**

DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...

THIS IS
JUST
A BOTTLE
OF VITAMINS
I GOT AT
A DRUG
STORE.

DON'T
BE SO
GULLIBLE!

YOU SAID
YOURSELF, "IF
EVERYONE COULD
BE THIN BY TAKING
DIET PILLS, THEN
FINDING SOMEONE
OBESE WOULD
BE LIKE FINDING
A FOUR-LEAF
CLOVER!"



WHAT'S SO HARD ABOUT DIETING THAT WAY?

EXERCISE REGULARLY.

WATCH
YOUR
CALORIE
INTAKE.

KEEP
A
GOOD
SCHEDULE.

KEEP
A
GOOD
SCHEDULE.

I EVEN
RESISTED
THE
TEMPTATION
OF MIDNIGHT
SNACKS.

I WAS
AFRAID OF
WHAT THE
RESULTS
MIGHT BE,
BUT...

I
NEVER
GOT
SECONDS
AT DINNER
TIME.

**AFTER
THAT, I
DECIDED TO
EXERCISE
DILIGENTLY
EVERY DAY.**

THE
FOLLOWING
SUNDAY...

AFTER ALL THAT TROUBLE, SHE ACTS LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED.

Woohoo!
 FITS LIKE A GLOVE!
 GUESS LAST WEEK WAS SOME KIND OF COSMIC ANOMALY!

FITS LIKE
A GLOVE!
GUESS LAST
WEEK WAS
SOME KIND
OF COSMIC
ANOMALY!

YOU
MEAN
AFTER
ALL THE
TROUBLE
SHE
CAUSED,
RIGHT?

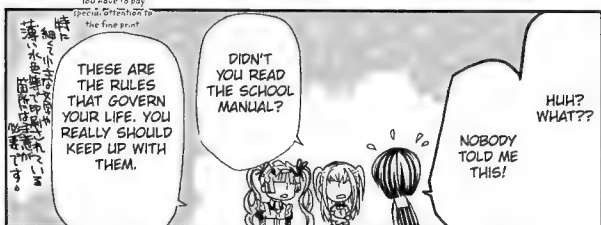
It's a little bit tight...

4

...IT'S TIME
TO LAUNCH
MY ATTACK
ON THE
CAPITAL!

NOW
THAT
BATTLE
PREPARA-
TIONS ARE
COMPLETE...

BY THE WAY, AME NO KISAKI DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN PUBLIC.





AAARRRGH!

MARIYA,
GIMME
SOME
SNACKS!

WHEN WILL
THE GODDESS
OF LOVE
COME TO MY
RESCUE?

MATSURIKA

GIVE HER
THE BEST
WE'VE
GOT. THIS
SHOULD
BE FUN.

MY GRIEF-
STRICKEN
HEART CAN
ONLY BE
CONSOLED
BY LUSCIOUS
DESSERTS!!

OF COURSE.
I HAVE JUST
THE HIGH
CALORIE,
ARTERY-
CLOGGING
DESSERT
SHE NEEDS.

In fact, everyone does
that all the time.



YEAH,
BUT SHE
DOESN'T
HAVE TO
KNOW
THAT.

IT'S
DANGEROUS
TO GIVE
TOO MUCH
INFORMATION
TO IDIOTS.

実際
他の
みんな
も
そう
やって
る
よ

THEY WILL
ISSUE YOU
A PASS IF YOU
TELL THEM
THAT YOU'RE
STUDYING AT
A FRIEND'S
HOUSE OR
SOMETHING.

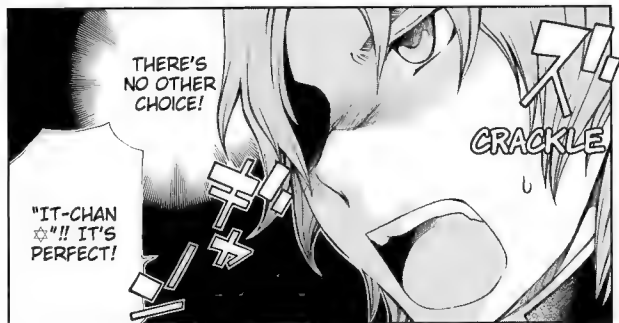
BONUS
CONVER-
SATION

M A R I A H O L I C

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M A R I A H O L I C

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"IT-CHAN"?

WHAT DOES THAT
EVEN MEAN? HOW
IS IT "PERFECT"?
WHY DO I HAVE TO
CALL HIM THAT?

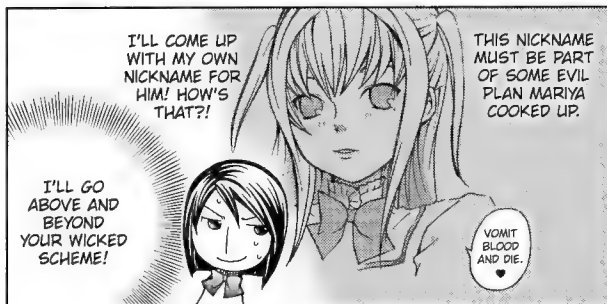
MOST
IMPORTANTLY,
WHAT'S THE
★ MARK FOR?

IS IT IT-CHAN
BECAUSE OF
THE "ICHI" IN
"TOUICHIROU"?
WHY CAN'T IT BE
"TOU-CHAN ★"?

OH,
WAIT...
THAT
WOULD
MEAN
"FATHER!"
HUH?



W
H
U
U
U
T?



I'LL COME UP
WITH MY OWN
NICKNAME FOR
HIM! HOW'S
THAT?!

THIS NICKNAME
MUST BE PART
OF SOME EVIL
PLAN MARIYA
COOKED UP.

I'LL GO
ABOVE AND
BEYOND
YOUR WICKED
SCHEME!

VOMIT
BLOOD
AND DIE.
♥



WE'RE
RUNNING
OUT OF
PAGES,
SO WE'RE
CUTTING
TO THE
CHASE.

NO LOGO,
NO TITLE,
NO
NOTHING?

OKAY,
OKAY

HERE WE
GO AGAIN.
BONUS
COMIC #2.

WE FOUND
OUT THE
RESULTS
OF OUR
CHECK-
UPS FROM
VOLUME
TWO,
RIGHT?

YEAH.

YOU WERE
HAVING A
BATTLE OF
HEIGHTS
WITH
SHIZU-SAN,
REMEMBER?

YEAH,
YOU WERE
WEARING
THAT JUST
A FEW
CHAPTERS
BACK.

A
MOURNING
DRESS?

BY THE
WAY, WHAT
THE HELL
ARE WE
WEARING?

身長
Let's say that
a "0" is hidden
under here.
二に
、6 年 祇堂 静子

BUT WE
CAN'T
SUDDENLY
SAY THAT
MARIYA IS
TALLER NOW,
SO THERE'S
A TRICK TO
THIS.

THE AUTHOR
HAS HIDDEN THE
LAST DIGIT OF
THE HEIGHT ON
MARIYA'S FORM.
YOU'LL HAVE TO
DRAW YOUR OWN
CONCLUSIONS.

That's
right!!

WE
SWITCHED
PLACES
BEFORE WE
WENT IN FOR
CHECK-UPS,
DIDN'T
WE?

YEAR ONE
ROOM 'A'

年 A 組

名前 祇堂 静子

NAME: SHIDOU MARIYA

HEIGHT

身長 160

NOTICE
SOMETHING
STRANGE?

SHIZU
静子

STRANGE?

HEY!!

160.3 cm

It's easy to
change the
height of
characters! ☆

HOW
COULD
THE
AUTHOR
BE SO
WISHY-
WASHY?

... AND THE
HEIGHT ON
SHIZU-SAN'S
FORM IS
MARIYA'S
HEIGHT.

WE
SCREWED
UP.

.....

IT'S OKAY, KANAKO, YOU CAN CRY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

(SOB) WHY WOULD I... (SNIFFLE) CRY?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BLAME SOMEBODY, BLAME AOKI-SAN FROM THE MF SALES DEPARTMENT. SHE SAID, "IT WON'T SELL WITH KANAKO ON THE COVER!"

WAAAAHHH!

AOKI-SAN NEVER SAID ANY SUCH THING.

HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NICKNAME FROM JUNIOR HIGH...?!

BESIDES, DON'T USE YOURSELF AS A STANDARD, TELEPHONE POLE!

ONE THAT LAUGHS AT THREE MM CRIES AT THREE MMS.

HEIGHT CHART
I'M THREE MILLIMETERS TALLER...

THAT'S GOOD, THOUGH.

I NEVER DID THAT! THESE ARE REAL!

THEY STOPPED CALLING HER THAT AFTER SHE STARTED STUFFING HER BRAS WITH SALINE POUCHES.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THREE MM. WELL WITHIN THE MARGIN OF ERROR.

IS IT SOMETHING TO GET THAT EXCITED ABOUT?

WARM AND FUZZY FEELINGS

WOW

I'M THE MAIN CHARACTER. WHY SHOULD I CARE?

BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE COVER AGAIN ON VOLUME FOUR?

VOLUME 4

COVER APPEARANCES ARE JUST A CHEAP PLOY TO INCREASE YOUR POPULARITY THROUGH EXPOSURE.

THE MAIN CHARACTER DOESN'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

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